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(57) Abstract: The invention relates to LSG polypeptides, polynucleotides encoding the polypeptides, methods for producing the polypeptides, in particular by expressing the polynucleotides, and agonists and antagonists of the polypeptides. The invention further relates to methods for utilizing such polynucleotides, polypeptides, agonists and antagonists for applications, which relate, in part, to research, diagnostic and clinical arts.

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COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS RELATING TO LUNG SPECIFIC GENES

INTRODUCTION

This application claims the benefit of priority from 5 U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/219,834, filed July 21, 2000, which is herein incorporated in its entirety.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to newly identified 10 nucleic acids and polypeptides present in normal and neoplastic lung cells, including fragments, variants and derivatives of the nucleic acids and polypeptides. present invention also relates to antibodies to the polypeptides of the invention, as well as agonists and 15 antagonists of the polypeptides of the invention. invention also relates to compositions comprising the nucleic acids, polypeptides, antibodies, variants, derivatives, agonists and antagonists of the invention and methods for the use of these compositions. These uses 20 include identifying, diagnosing, monitoring, staging, imaging and treating lung cancer and non-cancerous disease states in lung, identifying lung tissue, monitoring and modifying lung embryonic development and differentiation, and identifying and/or designing agonists and antagonists 25 of polypeptides of the invention. The uses also include gene therapy, production of transgenic animals and cells, and production of engineered lung tissue for treatment and research.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Throughout the last hundred years, the incidence of lung cancer has steadily increased, so much so that now in many countries, it is the most common cancers. 5 lung cancer is the second most prevalent type of cancer for both men and women in the United States and is the most common cause of cancer death in both sexes. Lung cancer deaths have increased ten-fold in both men and women since 1930, primarily due to an increase in cigarette smoking, 10 but also due to an increased exposure to arsenic, asbestos, chromates, chloromethyl ethers, nickel, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and other agents. See Scott, Lung Cancer: A Guide to Diagnosis and Treatment, Addicus Books (2000) and Alberg et al., in Kane et al. (eds.) Biology of Lung 15 Cancer, pp. 11-52, Marcel Dekker, Inc. (1998). Lung cancer may result from a primary tumor originating in the lung or a secondary tumor which has spread from another organ such as the bowel or breast. Although there are over a dozen types of lung cancer, over 90% fall into two categories: 20 small cell lung cancer (SCLC) and non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC). See Scott, supra. About 20-25% of all lung cancers are characterized as SCLC, while 70-80% are diagnosed as NSCLC. Id. A rare type of lung cancer is mesothelioma, which is generally caused by exposure to 25 asbestos, and which affects the pleura of the lung. Lung cancer is usually diagnosed or screened for by chest x-ray, CAT scans, PET scans, or by sputum cytology. A diagnosis of lung cancer is usually confirmed by biopsy of the Id. tissue.

30 SCLC tumors are highly metastatic and grow quickly. By the time a patient has been diagnosed with SCLC, the cancer has usually already spread to other parts of the body, including lymph nodes, adrenals, liver, bone, brain and bone marrow. See Scott, supra; Van Houtte et al. 35 (eds.), Progress and Perspective in the Treatment of Lung

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Cancer, Springer-Verlag (1999). Because the disease has usually spread to such an extent that surgery is not an option, the current treatment of choice is chemotherapy plus chest irradiation. See Van Houtte, supra. 5 of disease is a principal predictor of long-term survival. Less than 5% of patients with extensive disease that has spread beyond one lung and surrounding lymph nodes, live longer than two years. Id. However, the probability of five-year survival is three to four times higher if the 10 disease is diagnosed and treated when it is still in a limited stage, i.e., not having spread beyond one lung. Id.

NSCLC is generally divided into three types: squamous cell carcinoma, adenocarcinoma and large cell 15 carcinoma. Both squamous cell cancer and adenocarcinoma develop from the cells that line the airways; however, adenocarcinoma develops from the goblet cells that produce mucus. Large cell lung cancer has been thus named because the cells look large and rounded when viewed 20 microscopically, and generally are considered relatively undifferentiated. See Yesner, Atlas of Lung Cancer, Lippincott-Raven (1998).

Secondary lung cancer is a cancer initiated elsewhere in the body that has spread to the lungs. Cancers that 25 metastasize to the lung include, but are not limited to, breast cancer, melanoma, colon cancer and Hodgkin's lymphoma. Treatment for secondary lung cancer may depend upon the source of the original cancer. In other words, a lung cancer that originated from breast cancer may be more 30 responsive to breast cancer treatments and a lung cancer that originated from the colon cancer may be more responsive to colon cancer treatments.

The stage of a cancer indicates how far it has spread and is an important indicator of the prognosis. 35 addition, staging is important because treatment is often

decided according to the stage of a cancer. SCLC is divided into two stages: limited disease, i.e., cancer that can only be seen in one lung and in nearby lymph nodes; and extensive disease, i.e., cancer that has spread outside the lung to the chest or to other parts of the body. For most patients with SCLC, the disease has already progressed to lymph nodes or elsewhere in the body at the time of diagnosis. See Scott, supra. Even if spreading is not apparent on the scans, it is likely that some cancer cells may have spread away and traveled through the bloodstream or lymph system. In general, chemotherapy with or without radiotherapy is often the preferred treatment. The initial scans and tests done at first will be used later to see how well a patient is responding to treatment.

- In contrast, non-small cell cancer may be divided into four stages. Stage I is highly localized cancer with no cancer in the lymph nodes. Stage II cancer has spread to the lymph nodes at the top of the affected lung. Stage III cancer has spread near to where the cancer started.
- This can be to the chest wall, the covering of the lung (pleura), the middle of the chest (mediastinum) or other lymph nodes. Stage IV cancer has spread to another part of the body. Stage I-III cancer is usually treated with surgery, with or without chemotherapy. Stage IV cancer is usually treated with chemotherapy and/or palliative care.

A number of chromosomal and genetic abnormalities have been observed in lung cancer. In NSCLC, chromosomal aberrations have been described on 3p, 9p, 11p, 15p and 17p, and chromosomal deletions have been seen on

- 30 chromosomes 7, 11, 13 and 19. See Skarin (ed.),
 Multimodality Treatment of Lung Cancer, Marcel Dekker, Inc.
 (2000); Gemmill et al., pp. 465-502, in Kane, supra;
 Bailey-Wilson et al., pp. 53-98, in Kane, supra.
 Chromosomal abnormalities have been described on 1p, 3p,
- 35 5q, 6q, 8q, 13q and 17p in SCLC. Id. In addition, the

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loss of the short arm of chromosome 3p has also been seen in greater than 90% of SCLC tumors and approximately 50% of NSCLC tumors. Ιđ.

A number of oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes have 5 been implicated in lung cancer. See Mabry, pp. 391-412, in Kane, supra and Sclafani et al., pp. 295-316, in Kane, In both SCLC and NSCLC, the p53 tumor suppressor gene is mutated in over 50% of lung cancers. See Yesner, Another tumor suppressor gene, FHIT, which is found 10 on chromosome 3p, is mutated by tobacco smoke. Skarin, supra. In addition, more than 95% of SCLCs and approximately 20-60% of NSCLCs have an absent or abnormal retinoblastoma (Rb) protein, another tumor suppressor gene. The ras oncogene (particularly K-ras) is mutated in 20-30% 15 of NSCLC specimens and the c-erbB2 oncogene is expressed in 18% of stage 2 NSCLC and 60% of stage 4 NSCLC specimens. See Van Houtte, supra. Other tumor suppressor genes that are found in a region of chromosome 9, specifically in the region of 9p21, are deleted in many cancer cells, including 20 pl6^{INK4A} and pl5^{INK4B}. See Bailey-Wilson, supra; Sclafani et al., supra. These tumor suppressor genes may also be implicated in lung cancer pathogenesis.

In addition, many lung cancer cells produce growth factors that may act in an autocrine fashion on lung cancer See Siegfried et al., pp. 317-336, in Kane, supra; Moody, pp. 337-370, in Kane, supra and Heasley et al., 371-390, in Kane, supra. In SCLC, many tumor cells produce gastrin-releasing peptide (GRP), which is a proliferative growth factor for these cells. See Skarin, supra. 30 NSCLC tumors express epidermal growth factor (EGF) receptors, allowing NSCLC cells to proliferate in response to EGF. Insulin-like growth factor (IGF-I) is elevated in greater than 95% of SCLC and greater than 80% of NSCLC tumors; it is thought to function as an autocrine growth

factor. *Id.* Finally, stem cell factor (SCF, also known as steel factor or kit ligand) and c-Kit (a proto-oncoprotein tyrosine kinase receptor for SCF) are both expressed at high levels in SCLC, and thus may form an autocrine loop that increases proliferation. *Id.*

Although the majority of lung cancer cases are attributable to cigarette smoking, most smokers do not develop lung cancer. Epidemiological evidence has suggested that susceptibility to lung cancer may be inherited in a Mendelian fashion, and thus have an inherited genetic component. Bailey-Wilson, supra. Thus, it is thought that certain allelic variants at some genetic loci may affect susceptibility to lung cancer. Id. One way to identify which allelic variants are likely to be involved in lung cancer susceptibility, as well as susceptibility to other diseases, is to look at allelic variants of genes that are highly expressed in lung.

The lung is also susceptible to a number of other debilitating diseases, including, without limitation,

20 emphysema, pneumonia, cystic fibrosis and asthma. See Stockley (ed.), Molecular Biology of the Lung, Volume I: Emphysema and Infection, Birkhauser Verlag (1999), hereafter Stockley I, and Stockley (ed.), Molecular Biology of the Lung, Volume II: Asthma and Cancer, Birkhauser

25 Verlag (1999), hereafter Stockley II. The cause of many these disorders is still not well understood and there are few, if any, good treatment options for many of these noncancerous lung disorders. Thus, there remains a need to understand various noncancerous lung disorders and to

30 identify treatments for these diseases.

In yet another aspect, the development and differentiation of the lung tissue is important during embryonic development. All of the epithelial cells of the respiratory tract, including those of the lung and bronchi, are derived from the primitive endodermal cells that line

the embryonic outpouching. See Yesner, supra. During embryonic development, multipotent endodermal stem cells differentiate into many different types of specialized cells, which include ciliated cells for moving inhaled 5 particles, goblet cells for producing mucus, Kulchitsky's cells for endocrine function, and Clara cells and type II pneumocytes for secreting surfactant protein. Improper development and differentiation may cause respiratory disorders and distress in infants, particularly 10 in premature infants, whose lungs cannot produce sufficient surfactant when they are born. Further, some lung cancer cells, particularly small cell carcinomas, appear multipotent, and can spontaneously differentiate into a number of cell types, including small cell carcinoma, 15 adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma. Id. better understanding of lung development and differentiation may help facilitate understanding of lung cancer initiation and progression.

Accordingly, there is a great need for more sensitive 20 and accurate methods for predicting whether a person is likely to develop lung cancer, for diagnosing lung cancer, for monitoring the progression of the disease, for staging the lung cancer, for determining whether the lung cancer has metastasized and for imaging the lung cancer. There is 25 also a need for better treatment of lung cancer. Further, there is also a great need for diagnosing and treating noncancerous lung disorders such as emphysema, pneumonia, lung infection, pulmonary fibrosis, cystic fibrosis and There is also a need for compositions and methods asthma. 30 of using them that can be used to identify lung tissue for forensic purposes and for determining whether a particular cell or tissue exhibits lung-specific characteristics.

In the present invention, methods are provided for detecting, diagnosing, monitoring, staging,

³⁵ prognosticating, imaging and treating lung cancer via lung

specific genes referred to herein as LSGs. For purposes of the present invention, LSG refers, among other things, to native protein expressed by the gene comprising a polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22

- 5 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22 or a contig of SEQ ID NO: 19 or 21 as depicted in SEQ ID NO: 37, or 38, respectively. By "LSG" it is also meant herein polynucleotides which, due to degeneracy in genetic coding, comprise variations in nucleotide sequence as
- 10 compared to SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37, 38, 39 or 40 but which still encode the same polypeptide. Exemplary amino acid sequences for LSG polypeptides are set forth in SEQ ID NO: 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50,
- 15 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 and 56. In the alternative, what is meant by LSG as used herein, means the native mRNA encoded by the gene comprising the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 or 22, levels of the gene comprising
- the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22 or levels of a polynucleotide which is capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to the antisense sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
- 25 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37, or 38.

 Other objects, features, advantages and aspects of the present invention will become apparent to those of skill in the art from the following description. It should be understood, however, that the following description and
- the specific examples, while indicating preferred embodiments of the invention are given by way of illustration only. Various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the disclosed invention will become readily apparent to those skilled in the art from

reading the following description and from reading the other parts of the present disclosure.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Toward these ends, and others, it is an object of the present invention to provide LSGs comprising a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 a protein expressed by a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 or a variant thereof which expresses the protein; or a polynucleotide which is capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to the antisense sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38.

Exemplary LSG polypeptides of the present invention are depicted in SEQ DI NO: 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 or 56.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a method for diagnosing the presence of lung cancer by analyzing for changes in levels of LSG in cells, tissues or bodily fluids compared with levels of LSG in preferably the same cells, tissues, or bodily fluid type of a normal human control, wherein a change in levels of LSG in the patient versus the normal human control is associated with lung cancer.

Further provided is a method of diagnosing metastatic lung cancer in a patient having lung cancer which is not known to have metastasized by identifying a human patient suspected of having lung cancer that has metastasized;

30 analyzing a sample of cells, tissues, or bodily fluid from such patient for LSG; comparing the LSG levels in such cells, tissues, or bodily fluid with levels of LSG in preferably the same cells, tissues, or bodily fluid type of a normal human control, wherein an increase in LSG levels

in the patient versus the normal human control is associated with lung cancer which has metastasized.

Also provided by the invention is a method of staging lung cancer in a human which has such cancer by identifying 5 a human patient having such cancer; analyzing a sample of cells, tissues, or bodily fluid from such patient for LSG; comparing LSG levels in such cells, tissues, or bodily fluid with levels of LSG in preferably the same cells, tissues, or bodily fluid type of a normal human control sample, wherein an increase in LSG levels in the patient versus the normal human control is associated with a cancer which is progressing and a decrease in the levels of LSG is associated with a cancer which is regressing or in remission.

Further provided is a method of monitoring lung cancer in a human having such cancer for the onset of metastasis. The method comprises identifying a human patient having such cancer that is not known to have metastasized; periodically analyzing a sample of cells, 20 tissues, or bodily fluid from such patient for LSG; comparing the LSG levels in such cells, tissue, or bodily fluid with levels of LSG in preferably the same cells, tissues, or bodily fluid type of a normal human control sample, wherein an increase in LSG levels in the patient versus the normal human control is associated with a cancer which has metastasized.

Further provided is a method of monitoring the change in stage of lung cancer in a human having such cancer by looking at levels of LSG in a human having such cancer.

30 The method comprises identifying a human patient having such cancer; periodically analyzing a sample of cells, tissues, or bodily fluid from such patient for LSG; comparing the LSG levels in such cells, tissue, or bodily fluid with levels of LSG in preferably the same cells, tissues, or bodily fluid type of a normal human control

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sample, wherein an increase in LSG levels in the patient versus the normal human control is associated with a cancer which is progressing and a decrease in the levels of LSG is associated with a cancer which is regressing or in 5 remission.

Further provided are methods of designing new therapeutic agents targeted to a LSG for use in imaging and treating lung cancer. For example, in one embodiment, therapeutic agents such as antibodies targeted against LSG 10 or fragments of such antibodies can be used to treat, detect or image localization of LSG in a patient for the purpose of detecting or diagnosing a disease or condition. In this embodiment, an increase in the amount of labeled antibody detected as compared to normal tissue would be 15 indicative of tumor metastases or growth. Such antibodies can be polyclonal, monoclonal, or omniclonal or prepared by molecular biology techniques. The term "antibody", as used herein and throughout the instant specification is also meant to include aptamers and single-stranded 20 oligonucleotides such as those derived from an in vitro evolution protocol referred to as SELEX and well known to those skilled in the art. Antibodies can be labeled with a variety of detectable and therapeutic labels including, but not limited to, radioisotopes and paramagnetic metals. 25 Therapeutic agents such as small molecules and antibodies which decrease the concentration and/or activity of LSG can also be used in the treatment of diseases characterized by overexpression of LSG. Such agents can be readily identified in accordance with teachings herein.

Other objects, features, advantages and aspects of the present invention will become apparent to those of skill in the art from the following description. be understood, however, that the following description and the specific examples, while indicating preferred 35 embodiments of the invention, are given by way of

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illustration only. Various changes and modifications within the spirit and scope of the disclosed invention will become readily apparent to those skilled in the art from reading the following description and from reading the other parts of the present disclosure.

GLOSSARY

The following illustrative explanations are provided to facilitate understanding of certain terms used frequently herein, particularly in the examples. The explanations are provided as a convenience and are not limitative of the invention.

ISOLATED means altered "by the hand of man" from its natural state; i.e., that, if it occurs in nature, it has been changed or removed from its original environment, or 15 both.

For example, a naturally occurring polynucleotide or a polypeptide naturally present in a living animal in its natural state is not "isolated," but the same polynucleotide or polypeptide separated from the coexisting 20 materials of its natural state is "isolated", as the term is employed herein. For example, with respect to polynucleotides, the term isolated means that it is separated from the chromosome and cell in which it naturally occurs.

As part of or following isolation, such polynucleotides can be joined to other polynucleotides, such as DNAs, for mutagenesis, to form fusion proteins, and for propagation or expression in a host, for instance. The isolated polynucleotides, alone or joined to other polynucleotides such as vectors, can be introduced into host cells, in culture or in whole organisms. When introduced into host cells in culture or in whole

organisms, such DNAs still would be isolated, as the term

is used herein, because they would not be in their

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naturally occurring form or environment. Similarly, the polynucleotides and polypeptides may occur in a composition, such as media formulations, solutions for introduction of polynucleotides or polypeptides, for 5 example, into cells, compositions or solutions for chemical or enzymatic reactions, for instance, which are not naturally occurring compositions, and, therein remain isolated polynucleotides or polypeptides within the meaning of that term as it is employed herein.

OLIGONUCLEOTIDE(S) refers to relatively short 10 polynucleotides. Often the term refers to single-stranded deoxyribonucleotides, but it can refer as well to single-or double-stranded ribonucleotides, RNA:DNA hybrids and double-stranded DNAs, among others.

Oligonucleotides, such as single-stranded DNA probe oligonucleotides, often are synthesized by chemical methods, such as those implemented on automated oligonucleotide synthesizers. However, oligonucleotides can be made by a variety of other methods, including in 20 vitro recombinant DNA-mediated techniques and by expression of DNAs in cells and organisms.

Initially, chemically synthesized DNAs typically are obtained without a 5' phosphate. The 5' ends of such oligonucleotides are not substrates for phosphodiester bond 25 formation by ligation reactions that employ DNA ligases typically used to form recombinant DNA molecules. Where ligation of such oligonucleotides is desired, a phosphate can be added by standard techniques, such as those that employ a kinase and ATP.

The 3' end of a chemically synthesized oligonucleotide generally has a free hydroxyl group and, in the presence of a ligase such as T4 DNA ligase, readily will form a phosphodiester bond with a 5' phosphate of another polynucleotide, such as another oligonucleotide.

35 As is well known, this reaction can be prevented

selectively, where desired, by removing the 5' phosphates of the other polynucleotide(s) prior to ligation.

POLYNUCLEOTIDE(S) generally refers to any polyribonucleotide or polydeoxribonucleotide and is 5 inclusive of unmodified RNA or DNA as well as modified RNA Thus, for instance, polynucleotides as used herein refers to, among other things, single- and double-stranded DNA, DNA that is a mixture of single- and double-stranded regions, single- and double-stranded RNA, and RNA that is 10 mixture of single- and double-stranded regions, hybrid molecules comprising DNA and RNA that may be singlestranded or, more typically, double-stranded or a mixture of single- and double-stranded regions. In addition, polynucleotide, as used herein, refers to triple-stranded 15 regions comprising RNA or DNA or both RNA and DNA. strands in such regions may be from the same molecule or from different molecules. The regions may include all of one or more of the molecules, but more typically involve only a region of some of the molecules. One of the 20 molecules of a triple-helical region often is an oligonucleotide.

As used herein, the term polynucleotide is also inclusive of DNAs or RNAs as described above that contain one or more modified bases. Thus, DNAs or RNAs with

25 backbones modified for stability or for other reasons are "polynucleotides" as that term is intended herein.

Moreover, DNAs or RNAs comprising unusual bases, such as inosine, or modified bases, such as tritylated bases, to name just two examples, are polynucleotides as the term is 30 used herein.

It will be appreciated that a great variety of modifications have been made to DNA and RNA that serve many useful purposes known to those of skill in the art. The term polynucleotide as it is employed herein embraces such chemically, enzymatically or metabolically modified forms

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of polynucleotides, as well as chemical forms of DNA and RNA characteristic of viruses and cells, including simple and complex cells, inter alia.

POLYPEPTIDES, as used herein, includes all 5 polypeptides as described below. The basic structure of polypeptides is well known and has been described in innumerable textbooks and other publications in the art. In this context, the term is used herein to refer to any peptide or protein comprising two or more amino acids 10 joined to each other in a linear chain by peptide bonds. As used herein, the term refers to both short chains, which also commonly are referred to in the art as peptides, oligopeptides and oligomers, for example, and to longer chains, which generally are referred to in the art as 15 proteins, of which there are many types. It will be appreciated that polypeptides often contain amino acids other than the 20 amino acids commonly referred to as the 20 naturally occurring amino acids, and that many amino acids, including the terminal amino acids, may be modified 20 in a given polypeptide, either by natural processes such as processing and other post-translational modifications, or by chemical modification techniques which are well known to the art. Even the common modifications that occur naturally in polypeptides are too numerous to list 25 exhaustively here, but they are well described in basic texts and in more detailed monographs, as well as in a voluminous research literature, and they are well known to those of skill in the art.

Modifications which may be present in polypeptides of the present invention include, to name an illustrative few, acetylation, acylation, ADP-ribosylation, amidation, covalent attachment of flavin, covalent attachment of a heme moiety, covalent attachment of a nucleotide or nucleotide derivative, covalent attachment of a lipid or lipid derivative, covalent attachment of

phosphotidylinositol, cross-linking, cyclization, disulfide bond formation, demethylation, formation of covalent cross-links, formation of cystine, formation of pyroglutamate, formylation, gamma-carboxylation, glycosylation, GPI anchor formation, hydroxylation, iodination, methylation, myristoylation, oxidation, proteolytic processing, phosphorylation, prenylation, racemization, selenoylation, sulfation, transfer-RNA mediated addition of amino acids to proteins such as arginylation, and ubiquitination.

Such modifications are well known to those of skill 10 and have been described in great detail in the scientific literature. Several particularly common modifications including, but not limited to, glycosylation, lipid attachment, sulfation, gamma-carboxylation of glutamic-acid 15 residues, hydroxylation and ADP-ribosylation are described in most basic texts, such as, for instance PROTEINS STRUCTURE AND MOLECULAR PROPERTIES, 2nd Ed., T. E. Creighton, W. H. Freeman and Company, New York (1993). Many detailed reviews are available on this subject, such as, 20 for example, those provided by Wold, F., Posttranslational Protein Modifications: Perspectives and Prospects, pgs. 1-12 in POSTTRANSLATIONAL COVALENT MODIFICATION OF PROTEINS, B. C. Johnson, Ed., Academic Press, New York (1983); Seifter et al., Analysis for protein modifications and 25 nonprotein cofactors, Meth. Enzymol. 182: 626-646 (1990) and Rattan et al., Protein Synthesis: Posttranslational Modifications and Aging, Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci. 663: 48-62 (1992).

It will be appreciated that the polypeptides of the
present invention are not always entirely linear. Instead,
polypeptides may be branched as a result of ubiquitination,
and they may be circular, with or without branching,
generally as a result of posttranslation events including
natural processing event and events brought about by human
manipulation which do not occur naturally. Circular,

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branched and branched circular polypeptides may be synthesized by non-translation natural processes and by entirely synthetic methods, as well.

Modifications can occur anywhere in a polypeptide,

including the peptide backbone, the amino acid side-chains
and the amino or carboxyl termini. In fact, blockage of
the amino and/or carboxyl group in a polypeptide by a
covalent modification is common in naturally occurring and
synthetic polypeptides and such modifications may be

present in polypeptides of the present invention, as well.
For instance, the amino terminal residue of polypeptides
made in E. coli, prior to proteolytic processing, almost
invariably will be N-formylmethionine.

The modifications that occur in a polypeptide often 15 will be a function of how it is made. For polypeptides made by expressing a cloned gene in a host, for instance, the nature and extent of the modifications, in large part, will be determined by the host cell posttranslational modification capacity and the modification signals present 20 in the polypeptide amino acid sequence. For instance, as is well known, glycosylation often does not occur in bacterial hosts such as E. coli. Accordingly, when glycosylation is desired, a polypeptide can be expressed in a glycosylating host, generally a eukaryotic cell. 25 cells often carry out the same posttranslational glycosylations as mammalian cells. Thus, insect cell expression systems have been developed to express efficiently mammalian proteins having native patterns of glycosylation, inter alia. Similar considerations apply to 30 other modifications.

It will be appreciated that the same type of modification may be present in the same or varying degrees at several sites in a given polypeptide. Also, a given polypeptide may contain many types of modifications.

In general, as used herein, the term polypeptide encompasses all such modifications, particularly those that are present in polypeptides synthesized by expressing a polynucleotide in a host cell.

VARIANT(S) of polynucleotides or polypeptides, as the term is used herein, are polynucleotides or polypeptides that differ from a reference polynucleotide or polypeptide, respectively.

With respect to variant polynucleotides, differences 10 are generally limited so that the nucleotide sequences of the reference and the variant are closely similar overall and, in many regions, identical. Thus, changes in the nucleotide sequence of the variant may be silent. That is, they may not alter the amino acids encoded by the 15 polynucleotide. Where alterations are limited to silent changes of this type a variant will encode a polypeptide with the same amino acid sequence as the reference. Alternatively, changes in the nucleotide sequence of the variant may alter the amino acid sequence of a polypeptide 20 encoded by the reference polynucleotide. Such nucleotide changes may result in amino acid substitutions, additions, deletions, fusions and truncations in the polypeptide encoded by the reference sequence.

With respect to variant polypeptides, differences are generally limited so that the sequences of the reference and the variant are closely similar overall and, in many region, identical. For example, a variant and reference polypeptide may differ in amino acid sequence by one or more substitutions, additions, deletions, fusions and truncations, which may be present in any combination.

RECEPTOR MOLECULE, as used herein, refers to molecules which bind or interact specifically with LSG polypeptides of the present invention and is inclusive not only of classic receptors, which are preferred, but also other molecules that specifically bind to or interact with

polypeptides of the invention (which also may be referred to as "binding molecules" and "interaction molecules," respectively and as "LSG binding or interaction molecules". Binding between polypeptides of the invention and such 5 molecules, including receptor or binding or interaction molecules may be exclusive to polypeptides of the invention, which is very highly preferred, or it may be highly specific for polypeptides of the invention, which is highly preferred, or it may be highly specific to a group 10 of proteins that includes polypeptides of the invention, which is preferred, or it may be specific to several groups of proteins at least one of which includes polypeptides of the invention.

Receptors also may be non-naturally occurring, such 15 as antibodies and antibody-derived reagents that bind to polypeptides of the invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to novel lung specific polypeptides and polynucleotides, referred to herein as 20 LSGs, among other things, as described in greater detail below.

Polynucleotides

In accordance with one aspect of the present invention, there are provided isolated LSG polynucleotides 25 which encode LSG polypeptides.

Using the information provided herein, such as the polynucleotide sequences set out in SEQ ID NO:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 a polynucleotide of the present invention 30 encoding a LSG may be obtained using standard cloning and screening procedures, such as those for cloning cDNAs using mRNA from cells of a human tumor as starting material.

Polynucleotides of the present invention may be in the form of RNA, such as mRNA, or in the form of DNA,

including, for instance, cDNA and genomic DNA obtained by cloning or produced by chemical synthetic techniques or by a combination thereof. The DNA may be double-stranded or single-stranded. Single-stranded DNA may be the coding strand, also known as the sense strand, or it may be the non-coding strand, also referred to as the anti-sense strand.

The coding sequence which encodes the polypeptides may be identical to the coding sequence of the

10 polynucleotides of SEQ ID NO:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38. It also may be a polynucleotide with a different sequence, which, as a result of the redundancy (degeneracy) of the genetic code, encodes the same polypeptides as encoded by

15 SEQ ID NO:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38.

Polynucleotides of the present invention, such as SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 which encode these 20 polypeptides may comprise the coding sequence for the mature polypeptide by itself. Polynucleotides of the present invention may also comprise the coding sequence for the mature polypeptide and additional coding sequences such as those encoding a leader or secretory sequence such as a 25 pre-, or pro- or prepro-protein sequence. Polynucleotides of the present invention may also comprise the coding sequence of the mature polypeptide, with or without the aforementioned additional coding sequences, together with additional, non-coding sequences. Examples of additional 30 non-coding sequences which may be incorporated into the polynucleotide of the present invention include, but are not limited to, introns and non-coding 5' and 3' sequences such as transcribed, non-translated sequences that play a role in transcription, mRNA processing including, for

35 example, splicing and polyadenylation signals, ribosome

binding and stability of mRNA, and additional coding sequence which codes for amino acids such as those which provide additional functionalities. Thus, for instance, the polypeptide may be fused to a marker sequence such as a peptide which facilitates purification of the fused polypeptide. In certain preferred embodiments of this aspect of the invention, the marker sequence is a hexahistidine peptide, such as the tag provided in the pQE vector (Qiagen, Inc.), among others, many of which are commercially available. As described in Gentz et al. (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA 86: 821-824 (1989)), for instance, hexa-histidine provides for convenient purification of the fusion protein. The HA tag corresponds to an epitope derived of influenza hemagglutinin protein (Wilson et al.,

In accordance with the foregoing, the term
"polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide" as used herein
encompasses polynucleotides which include a sequence
encoding a polypeptide of the present invention,

20 particularly SEQ ID NO:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38.
Exemplary polypeptides encoded by the polynucleotides are
depicted in SEQ ID NO: 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47,
48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, or 56. The term

25 encompasses polynucleotides that include a single
continuous region or discontinuous regions encoding the
polypeptide (for example, interrupted by introns) together
with additional regions, that also may contain coding
and/or non-coding sequences.

The present invention further relates to variants of the herein above described polynucleotides which encode for fragments, analogs and derivatives of the LSG polypeptides. A variant of the polynucleotide may be a naturally occurring variant such as a naturally occurring allelic variant, or it may be a variant that is not known to occur

naturally. Such non-naturally occurring variants of the polynucleotide may be made by mutagenesis techniques, including those applied to polynucleotides, cells or organisms.

Among variants in this regard are variants that differ from the aforementioned polynucleotides by nucleotide substitutions, deletions or additions. The substitutions, deletions or additions may involve one or more nucleotides. The variants may be altered in coding or 10 non-coding regions or both. Alterations in the coding regions may produce conservative or non-conservative amino acid substitutions, deletions or additions.

Among the particularly preferred embodiments of the -invention in this regard are polynucleotides encoding 15 polypeptides having the same amino acid sequence encoded by a LSG polynucleotide comprising SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38; variants, analogs, derivatives and fragments thereof, and fragments of the variants, analogs and 20 derivatives. Exemplary polypeptides encoded by these polynucleotides are depicted in SEQ ID NO:39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 or 56. Further particularly preferred in this regard are LSG polynucleotides encoding polypeptide variants, analogs, 25 derivatives and fragments, and variants, analogs and derivatives of the fragments, in which several, a few, 5 to 10, 1 to 5, 1 to 3, 2, 1 or no amino acid residues are substituted, deleted or added, in any combination. Especially preferred among these are silent substitutions, 30 additions and deletions, which do not alter the properties and activities of the LSG. Also especially preferred in this regard are conservative substitutions. Most highly preferred are polynucleotides encoding polypeptides having the amino acid sequences as polypeptides encoded by SEQ ID

NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 without substitutions.

Further preferred embodiments of the invention are LSG polynucleotides that are at least 70% identical to a 5 polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 and polynucleotides which are complementary to such polynucleotides. More preferred are LSG polynucleotides that comprise a region that is at least 80% identical to a 10 polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38. In this regard, LSG polynucleotides at least 90% identical to the same are particularly preferred, and among these particularly preferred LSG polynucleotides, those with at 15 least 95% are especially preferred. Furthermore, those with at least 97% are highly preferred among those with at least 95%, and among these those with at least 98% and at least 99% are particularly highly preferred, with at least 99% being the most preferred.

Particularly preferred embodiments in this respect, moreover, are polynucleotides which encode polypeptides which retain substantially the same biological function or activity as the mature polypeptides encoded by a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 25 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38.

The present invention further relates to polynucleotides that hybridize to the herein above-described LSG sequences. In this regard, the present invention especially relates to polynucleotides which hybridize under stringent conditions to the herein above-described polynucleotides. As herein used, the term "stringent conditions" means hybridization will occur only if there is at least 95% and preferably at least 97% identity between the sequences.

As discussed additionally herein regarding polynucleotide assays of the invention, for instance, polynucleotides of the invention as described herein, may be used as a hybridization probe for cDNA and genomic DNA to isolate full-length cDNAs and genomic clones encoding LSGs and to isolate cDNA and genomic clones of other genes that have a high sequence similarity to these LSGs. Such probes generally will comprise at least 15 bases.

Preferably, such probes will have at least 30 bases and may have at least 50 bases.

For example, the coding region of LSG of the present invention may be isolated by screening using an oligonucleotide probe synthesized from the known DNA sequence. A labeled oligonucleotide having a sequence—

15 complementary to that of a gene of the present invention is used to screen a library of human cDNA, genomic DNA or mRNA to determine which members of the library the probe hybridizes with.

The polynucleotides and polypeptides of the present invention may be employed as research reagents and materials for discovery of treatments and diagnostics to human disease, as further discussed herein relating to polynucleotide assays, inter alia.

The polynucleotides may encode a polypeptide which is

25 the mature protein plus additional amino or carboxylterminal amino acids, or amino acids interior to the mature
polypeptide (when the mature form has more than one
polypeptide chain, for instance). Such sequences may play a
role in processing of a protein from precursor to a mature

30 form, may facilitate/protein trafficking, may prolong or
shorten protein half-life or may facilitate manipulation of
a protein for assay or production, among other things. As
generally is the case in situ, the additional amino acids
may be processed away from the mature protein by cellular

35 enzymes.

A precursor protein having the mature form of the polypeptide fused to one or more prosequences may be an inactive form of the polypeptide. When prosequences are removed, such inactive precursors generally are activated. 5 Some or all of the prosequences may be removed before activation. Generally, such precursors are called proproteins.

In sum, a polynucleotide of the present invention may encode a mature protein, a mature protein plus a leader 10 sequence (which may be referred to as a preprotein), a precursor of a mature protein having one or more prosequences which are not the leader sequences of a preprotein, or a preproprotein, which is a precursor to a proprotein, having a leader sequence and one or more 15 prosequences, which generally are removed during processing steps that produce active and mature forms of the polypeptide.

Polypeptides

The present invention further relates to LSG 20 polypeptides, preferably polypeptides encoded by a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38. Exemplary polypeptides are depicted in SEQ ID NO: 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 25 or 56. The invention also relates to fragments, analogs and derivatives of these polypeptides. "fragment," "derivative" and "analog" when referring to the polypeptides of the present invention means a polypeptide which retains essentially the same biological function or 30 activity as such polypeptides. Thus, an analog includes a proprotein which can be activated by cleavage of the proprotein portion to produce an active mature polypeptide.

The polypeptide of the present invention may be a recombinant polypeptide, a natural polypeptide or a .

synthetic polypeptide. In certain preferred embodiments it is a recombinant polypeptide.

The fragment, derivative or analog of a polypeptide of or the present invention may be (I) one in which one or 5 more of the amino acid residues are substituted with a conserved or non-conserved amino acid residue (preferably a conserved amino acid residue) and such substituted amino acid residue may or may not be one encoded by the genetic code; (ii) one in which one or more of the amino acid 10 residues includes a substituent group; (iii) one in which the mature polypeptide is fused with another compound, such as a compound to increase the half-life of the polypeptide (for example, polyethylene glycol); or (iv) one in which the additional amino acids are fused to the mature 15 polypeptide, such as a leader or secretory sequence or a sequence which is employed for purification of the mature polypeptide or a proprotein sequence. Such fragments, derivatives and analogs are deemed to be within the scope of those skilled in the art from the teachings herein.

Among preferred variants are those that vary from a reference by conservative amino acid substitutions. Such substitutions are those that substitute a given amino acid in a polypeptide by another amino acid of like characteristics. Typically seen as conservative

25 substitutions are the replacements, one for another, among the aliphatic amino acids Ala, Val, Leu and Ile; interchange of the hydroxyl residues Ser and Thr, exchange of the acidic residues Asp and Glu, substitution between the amide residues Asn and Gln, exchange of the basic

30 residues Lys and Arg and replacements among the aromatic residues Phe, Tyr.

The polypeptides and polynucleotides of the present invention are preferably provided in an isolated form, and preferably are purified to homogeneity.

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The polypeptides of the present invention include the polypeptides encoded by the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 (in particular the mature 5 polypeptide) as well as polypeptides which have at least 75% similarity (preferably at least 75% identity), more preferably at least 90% similarity (more preferably at least 90% identity), still more preferably at least 95% similarity (still more preferably at least 95% identity), 10 to a polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38. Also included are portions of such polypeptides generally containing at least 30 amino acids and more preferably at least 50 amino acids. Exemplary polypeptides 15 are depicted in SEQ ID NO:39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 or 56.

As known in the art "similarity" between two polypeptides is determined by comparing the amino acid sequence and its conserved amino acid substitutes of one 20 polypeptide sequence with that of a second polypeptide.

Fragments or portions of the polypeptides of the present invention may be employed for producing the corresponding full-length polypeptide by peptide synthesis; therefore, the fragments may be employed as intermediates 25 for producing the full-length polypeptides. Fragments or portions of the polynucleotides of the present invention may be used to synthesize full-length polynucleotides of the present invention.

Fragments

Also among preferred embodiments of this aspect of 30 the present invention are polypeptides comprising fragments of a polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38. In this regard a fragment is 35 a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence that entirely

is the same as part but not all of the amino acid sequence of the aforementioned LSG polypeptides and variants or derivatives thereof.

Such fragments may be "free-standing," i.e., not part 5 of or fused to other amino acids or polypeptides, or they may be contained within a larger polypeptide of which they form a part or region. When contained within a larger polypeptide, the presently discussed fragments most preferably form a single continuous region. However, 10 several fragments may be comprised within a single larger polypeptide. For instance, certain preferred embodiments relate to a fragment of a LSG polypeptide of the present comprised within a precursor polypeptide designed for expression in a host and having heterologous pre- and pro-15 polypeptide regions fused to the amino terminus of the LSG fragment and an additional region fused to the carboxyl terminus of the fragment. Therefore, fragments in one aspect of the meaning intended herein, refers to the portion or portions of a fusion polypeptide or fusion 20 protein derived from a LSG polypeptide.

As representative examples of polypeptide fragments of the invention, there may be mentioned those which have from about 15 to about 139 amino acids. In this context "about" includes the particularly recited range and ranges 25 larger or smaller by several, a few, 5, 4, 3, 2 or 1 amino acid at either extreme or at both extremes. preferred in this regard are the recited ranges plus or minus as many as 5 amino acids at either or at both extremes. Particularly highly preferred are the recited 30 ranges plus or minus as many as 3 amino acids at either or at both the recited extremes. Especially preferred are ranges plus or minus 1 amino acid at either or at both extremes or the recited ranges with no additions or deletions. Most highly preferred of all in this regard are 35 fragments from about 15 to about 45 amino acids.

Among especially preferred fragments of the invention are truncation mutants of the LSG polypeptides. Truncation mutants include LSG polypeptides having an amino acid sequence encoded by a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 5 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 or variants or derivatives thereof, except for deletion of a continuous series of residues (that is, a continuous region, part or portion) that includes the amino terminus, or a continuous series of 10 residues that includes the carboxyl terminus or, as in double truncation mutants, deletion of two continuous series of residues, one including the amino terminus and one including the carboxyl terminus. Fragments having the size ranges set out herein also are preferred embodiments 15 of truncation fragments, which are especially preferred among fragments generally.

Also preferred in this aspect of the invention are fragments characterized by structural or functional attributes of the LSG polypeptides of the present 20 invention. Preferred embodiments of the invention in this regard include fragments that comprise alpha-helix and alpha-helix forming regions ("alpha-regions"), beta-sheet and beta-sheet-forming regions ("beta-regions"), turn and turn-forming regions ("turn-regions"), coil and coil-25 forming regions ("coil-regions"), hydrophilic regions, hydrophobic regions, alpha amphipathic regions, beta amphipathic regions, flexible regions, surface-forming regions and high antigenic index regions of the LSG polypeptides of the present invention. Regions of the 30 aforementioned types are identified routinely by analysis of the amino acid sequences encoded by the polynucleotides of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38. Preferred regions include Garnier-Robson alpha-regions, beta-regions, 35 turn-regions and coil-regions, Chou-Fasman alpha-regions,

beta-regions and turn-regions, Kyte-Doolittle hydrophilic regions and hydrophilic regions, Eisenberg alpha and beta amphipathic regions, Karplus-Schulz flexible regions, Emini surface-forming regions and Jameson-Wolf high antigenic 5 index regions. Among highly preferred fragments in this regard are those that comprise regions of LSGs that combine several structural features, such as several of the features set out above. In this regard, the regions defined by selected residues of a LSG polypeptide which all 10 are characterized by amino acid compositions highly characteristic of turn-regions, hydrophilic regions, flexible-regions, surface-forming regions, and high antigenic index-regions, are especially highly preferred regions. Such regions may be comprised within a larger 15 polypeptide or may be by themselves a preferred fragment of the present invention, as discussed above. It will be appreciated that the term "about" as used in this paragraph has the meaning set out above regarding fragments in general.

Further preferred regions are those that mediate activities of LSG polypeptides. Most highly preferred in this regard are fragments that have a chemical, biological or other activity of a LSG polypeptide, including those with a similar activity or an improved activity, or with a decreased undesirable activity. Highly preferred in this regard are fragments that contain regions that are homologs in sequence, or in position, or in both sequence and to active regions of related polypeptides, and which include lung specific-binding proteins. Among particularly preferred fragments in these regards are truncation mutants, as discussed above.

It will be appreciated that the invention also relates to polynucleotides encoding the aforementioned fragments, polynucleotides that hybridize to

35 polynucleotides encoding the fragments, particularly those

that hybridize under stringent conditions, and polynucleotides such as PCR primers for amplifying polynucleotides that encode the fragments. In these regards, preferred polynucleotides are those that correspond to the preferred fragments, as discussed above.

Fusion Proteins

In one embodiment of the present invention, the LSG polypeptides of the present invention are preferably fused to other proteins. These fusion proteins can be used for a 10 variety of applications. For example, fusion of the present polypeptides to His-tag, HA-tag, protein A, IgG domains, and maltose binding protein facilitates purification. (See also EP A 394,827; Traunecker, et al., Nature 331: 84-86 (1988)) Similarly, fusion to IgG-1, IgG-3, and albumin 15 increases the halflife time in vivo. Nuclear localization signals fused to the polypeptides of the present invention can target the protein to a specific subcellular localization, while covalent heterodimer or homodimers can increase or decrease the activity of a fusion protein. 20 Fusion proteins can also create chimeric molecules having more than one function. Finally, fusion proteins can increase solubility and/or stability of the fused protein compared to the non-fused protein. All of these types of fusion proteins described above can be made in accordance 25 with well known protocols.

For example, a LSG polypeptide can be fused to an IgG molecule via the following protocol. Briefly, the human Fc portion of the IgG molecule is PCR amplified using primers that span the 5' and 3' ends of the sequence. These primers also have convenient restriction enzyme sites that facilitate cloning into an expression vector, preferably a mammalian expression vector. For example, if pC4 (Accession No. 209646) is used, the human Fc portion can be ligated into the BamHI cloning site. In this protocol, the 35 3' BamHI site must be destroyed. Next, the vector

containing the human Fc portion is re-restricted with BamHI thereby linearizing the vector, and a LSG polynucleotide of the present invention is ligated into this BamHI site. It is preferred that the polynucleotide is cloned without a stop codon, otherwise a fusion protein will not be produced.

If the naturally occurring signal sequence is used to produce the secreted protein, pC4 does not need a second signal peptide. Alternatively, if the naturally occurring 10 signal sequence is not used, the vector can be modified to include a heterologous signal sequence. (See, e. g., WO 96/34891.)

Diagnostic Assays

The present invention also relates to diagnostic 15 assays and methods, both quantitative and qualitative for detecting, diagnosing, monitoring, staging and prognosticating cancers by comparing levels of LSG in a human patient with those of LSG in a normal human control. For purposes of the present invention, what is meant by LSG 20 levels is, among other things, native protein expressed by a gene comprising the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38. Exemplary polypeptides encoded by these polynucleotides are depicted in SEQ ID 25 NO:39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 or 56. By "LSG" it is also meant herein polynucleotides which, due to degeneracy in genetic coding, comprise variations in nucleotide sequence as compared to SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 30 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 but which still encode the same protein. The native protein being detected may be whole, a breakdown product, a complex of molecules or chemically modified. In the alternative, what is meant by LSG as used herein, means the native mRNA encoded by a

35 polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,

8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22, or a contig of SEQ ID NO:19 or 21, depicted as SEQ ID NO: 37 or 38, respectively, levels of the gene comprising the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 5 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, or 22, or levels of a polynucleotide which is capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to the antisense sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38. Such 10 levels are preferably determined in at least one of cells, tissues and/or bodily fluids, including determination of normal and abnormal levels. Thus, for instance, a diagnostic assay in accordance with the invention for diagnosing overexpression of LSG protein compared to normal 15 control bodily fluids, cells, or tissue samples may be used to diagnose the presence of lung cancer.

All the methods of the present invention may optionally include determining the levels of other cancer markers as well as LSG. Other cancer markers, in addition to LSG, useful in the present invention will depend on the cancer being tested and are known to those of skill in the art.

The present invention provides methods for diagnosing the presence of lung cancer by analyzing for changes in levels of LSG in cells, tissues or bodily fluids compared with levels of LSG in cells, tissues or bodily fluids of preferably the same type from a normal human control, wherein an increase in levels of LSG in the patient versus the normal human control is associated with the presence of lung cancer.

Without limiting the instant invention, typically, for a quantitative diagnostic assay a positive result indicating the patient being tested has cancer is one in which cells, tissues or bodily fluid levels of the cancer marker, such as LSG, are at least two times higher, and

most preferably are at least five times higher, than in preferably the same cells, tissues or bodily fluid of a normal human control.

The present invention also provides a method of
diagnosing metastatic lung cancer in a patient having lung
cancer which has not yet metastasized for the onset of
metastasis. In the method of the present invention, a
human cancer patient suspected of having lung cancer which
may have metastasized (but which was not previously known
to have metastasized) is identified. This is accomplished
by a variety of means known to those of skill in the art.

In the present invention, determining the presence of LSG levels in cells, tissues or bodily fluid, is particularly useful for discriminating between lung cancer which has not metastasized and lung cancer which has metastasized. Existing techniques have difficulty discriminating between lung cancer which has metastasized and lung cancer which has not metastasized and proper treatment selection is often dependent upon such knowledge.

In the present invention, the cancer marker levels measured in such cells, tissues or bodily fluid is LSG, and are compared with levels of LSG in preferably the same cells, tissue or bodily fluid type of a normal human control. That is, if the cancer marker being observed is just LSG in serum, this level is preferably compared with the level of LSG in serum of a normal human control. An increase in the LSG in the patient versus the normal human control is associated with lung cancer which has metastasized.

30 Without limiting the instant invention, typically, for a quantitative diagnostic assay a positive result indicating the cancer in the patient being tested or monitored has metastasized is one in which cells, tissues or bodily fluid levels of the cancer marker, such as LSG, 35 are at least two times higher, and most preferably are at

least five times higher, than in preferably the same cells, tissues or bodily fluid of a normal patient.

Normal human control as used herein includes a human patient without cancer and/or non cancerous samples from the patient; in the methods for diagnosing or monitoring for metastasis, normal human control may preferably also include samples from a human patient that is determined by reliable methods to have lung cancer which has not metastasized.

10 Staging

The invention also provides a method of staging lung cancer in a human patient. The method comprises identifying a human patient having such cancer and analyzing cells, tissues or bodily fluid from such human patient for LSG. The LSG levels determined in the patient are then compared with levels of LSG in preferably the same cells, tissues or bodily fluid type of a normal human control, wherein an increase in LSG levels in the human patient versus the normal human control is associated with a cancer which is progressing and a decrease in the levels of LSG (but still increased over true normal levels) is associated with a cancer which is regressing or in remission.

Monitoring

25 Further provided is a method of monitoring lung cancer in a human patient having such cancer for the onset of metastasis. The method comprises identifying a human patient having such cancer that is not known to have metastasized; periodically analyzing cells, tissues or 30 bodily fluid from such human patient for LSG; and comparing the LSG levels determined in the human patient with levels of LSG in preferably the same cells, tissues or bodily fluid type of a normal human control, wherein an increase in LSG levels in the human patient versus the normal human control is associated with a cancer which has metastasized.

In this method, normal human control samples may also include prior patient samples.

Further provided by this invention is a method of monitoring the change in stage of lung cancer in a human 5 patient having such cancer. The method comprises identifying a human patient having such cancer; periodically analyzing cells, tissues or bodily fluid from such human patient for LSG; and comparing the LSG levels determined in the human patient with levels of LSG in 10 preferably the same cells, tissues or bodily fluid type of a normal human control, wherein an increase in LSG levels in the human patient versus the normal human control is associated with a cancer which is progressing in stage and a decrease in the levels of LSG is associated with a cancer 15 which is regressing in stage or in remission. method, normal human control samples may also include prior patient samples.

Monitoring a patient for onset of metastasis is periodic and preferably done on a quarterly basis.

20 However, this may be done more or less frequently depending on the cancer, the particular patient, and the stage of the cancer.

Prognostic Testing and Clinical Trial Monitoring

The methods described herein can further be utilized
25 as prognostic assays to identify subjects having or at risk
of developing a disease or disorder associated with
increased levels of LSG. The present invention provides a
method in which a test sample is obtained from a human
patient and LSG is detected. The presence of higher LSG
30 levels as compared to normal human controls is diagnostic
for the human patient being at risk for developing cancer,
particularly lung cancer.

The effectiveness of therapeutic agents to decrease expression or activity of the LSGs of the invention can also be monitored by analyzing levels of expression of the

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LSGs in a human patient in clinical trials or in in vitro screening assays such as in human cells. In this way, the gene expression pattern can serve as a marker, indicative of the physiological response of the human patient, or cells as the case may be, to the agent being tested.

Detection of genetic lesions or mutations

The methods of the present invention can also be used to detect genetic lesions or mutations in LSG, thereby determining if a human with the genetic lesion is at risk

10 for lung cancer or has lung cancer. Genetic lesions can be detected, for example, by ascertaining the existence of a deletion and/or addition and/or substitution of one or more nucleotides from the LSGs of this invention, a chromosomal rearrangement of LSG, aberrant modification of LSG (such as of the methylation pattern of the genomic DNA), the presence of a non-wild type splicing pattern of a mRNA transcript of LSG, allelic loss of LSG, and/or inappropriate post-translational modification of LSG protein. Methods to detect such lesions in the LSG of this invention are known to those of skill in the art.

For example, in one embodiment, alterations in a gene corresponding to a LSG polynucleotide of the present invention are determined via isolation of RNA from entire families or individual patients presenting with a phenotype of interest (such as a disease) is be isolated. cDNA is then generated from these RNA samples using protocols known in the art. See, e.g. Sambrook et al. (MOLECULAR CLONING: A LABORATORY MANUAL, 2nd Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (1989)), which is illustrative of the many laboratory manuals that detail these techniques. The cDNA is then used as a template for PCR, employing primers surrounding regions of interest in SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38. PCR conditions typically consist of 35 cycles at 95°C for 30 seconds; 60-

120 seconds at 52-58°C; and 60-120 seconds at 70°C, using buffer solutions described in Sidransky, D., et al., Science 252: 706 (1991). PCR products are sequenced using primers labeled at their 5' end with T4 polynucleotide

5 kinase, employing SequiTherm Polymerase (Epicentre Technologies). The intron-exon borders of selected exons are also determined and genomic PCR products analyzed to confirm the results. PCR products harboring suspected mutations are then cloned and sequenced to validate the

10 results of the direct sequencing. PCR products are cloned into T-tailed vectors as described in Holton, T. A. and Graham, M. W., Nucleic Acids Research, 19: 1156 (1991) and sequenced with T7 polymerase (United States Biochemical). Affected individuals are identified by mutations not

Genomic rearrangements can also be observed as a method of determining alterations in a gene corresponding to a polynucleotide. In this method, genomic clones are nick-translated with digoxigenin deoxy-uridine

- 5'triphosphate (Boehringer Manheim), and FISH is performed as described in Johnson, C. et al., Methods Cell Biol. 35: 73-99 (1991). Hybridization with a labeled probe is carried out using a vast excess of human DNA for specific hybridization to the corresponding genomic locus.
- 25 Chromosomes are counterstained with 4,6-diamino-2-phenylidole and propidium iodide, producing a combination of C-and R-bands. Aligned images for precise mapping are obtained using a triple-band filter set (Chroma Technology, Brattleboro, VT) in combination with a cooled charge-
- 30 coupled device camera (Photometrics, Tucson, AZ) and variable excitation wavelength filters (Johnson et al., Genet. Anal. Tech. Appl., 8: 75 (1991)). Image collection, analysis and chromosomal fractional length measurements are performed using the ISee Graphical Program System
- 35 (Inovision Corporation, Durham, NC). Chromosome

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alterations of the genomic region hybridized by the probe are identified as insertions, deletions, and translocations. These alterations are used as a diagnostic marker for an associated disease.

5 Assay Techniques

Assay techniques that can be used to determine levels of gene expression (including protein levels), such as LSG of the present invention, in a sample derived from a patient are well known to those of skill in the art. Such assay methods include, without limitation, radioimmunoassays, reverse transcriptase PCR (RT-PCR) assays, immunohistochemistry assays, in situ hybridization assays, competitive-binding assays, Western Blot analyses, ELISA assays and proteomic approaches: two-dimensional gel electrophoresis (2D electrophoresis) and non-gel based approaches such as mass spectrometry or protein interaction profiling. Among these, ELISAs are frequently preferred to diagnose a gene's expressed protein in biological fluids.

An ELISA assay initially comprises preparing an
20 antibody, if not readily available from a commercial
source, specific to LSG, preferably a monoclonal antibody.
In addition a reporter antibody generally is prepared which
binds specifically to LSG. The reporter antibody is
attached to a detectable reagent such as radioactive,
25 fluorescent or enzymatic reagent, for example horseradish
peroxidase enzyme or alkaline phosphatase.

To carry out the ELISA, antibody specific to LSG is incubated on a solid support, e.g. a polystyrene dish, that binds the antibody. Any free protein binding sites on the dish are then covered by incubating with a non-specific protein such as bovine serum albumin. Next, the sample to be analyzed is incubated in the dish, during which time LSG binds to the specific antibody attached to the polystyrene dish. Unbound sample is washed out with buffer. A reporter antibody specifically directed to LSG and linked to a

detectable reagent such as horseradish peroxidase is placed in the dish resulting in binding of the reporter antibody to any monoclonal antibody bound to LSG. Unattached reporter antibody is then washed out. Reagents for peroxidase activity, including a colorimetric substrate are then added to the dish. Immobilized peroxidase, linked to LSG antibodies, produces a colored reaction product. The amount of color developed in a given time period is proportional to the amount of LSG protein present in the sample. Quantitative results typically are obtained by reference to a standard curve.

A competition assay can also be employed wherein antibodies specific to LSG are attached to a solid support and labeled LSG and a sample derived from the host are passed over the solid support. The amount of labedetected which is attached to the solid support can be correlated to a quantity of LSG in the sample.

Using all or a portion of a nucleic acid sequence of LSG of the present invention as a hybridization probe, 20 nucleic acid methods can also be used to detect LSG mRNA as a marker for lung cancer. Polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and other nucleic acid methods, such as ligase chain reaction (LCR) and nucleic acid sequence based amplification (NASBA), can be used to detect malignant 25 cells for diagnosis and monitoring of various malignancies. For example, reverse-transcriptase PCR (RT-PCR) is a powerful technique which can be used to detect the presence of a specific mRNA population in a complex mixture of thousands of other mRNA species. In RT-PCR, an mRNA 30 species is first reverse transcribed to complementary DNA (cDNA) with use of the enzyme reverse transcriptase; the cDNA is then amplified as in a standard PCR reaction. RT-PCR can thus reveal by amplification the presence of a

single species of mRNA. Accordingly, if the mRNA is highly

specific for the cell that produces it, RT-PCR can be used to identify the presence of a specific type of cell.

Hybridization to clones or oligonucleotides arrayed on a solid support (i.e. gridding) can be used to both 5 detect the expression of and quantitate the level of expression of that gene. In this approach, a cDNA encoding the LSG gene is fixed to a substrate. The substrate may be of any suitable type including but not limited to glass, nitrocellulose, nylon or plastic. At least a portion of 10 the DNA encoding the LSG gene is attached to the substrate and then incubated with the analyte, which may be RNA or a complementary DNA (cDNA) copy of the RNA, isolated from the tissue of interest. Hybridization between the substrate bound DNA and the analyte can be detected and quantitated 15 by several means including but not limited to radioactive labeling or fluorescence labeling of the analyte or a secondary molecule designed to detect the hybrid. Quantitation of the level of gene expression can be done by comparison of the intensity of the signal from the analyte 20 compared with that determined from known standards. standards can be obtained by in vitro transcription of the target gene, quantitating the yield, and then using that material to generate a standard curve.

Of the proteomic approaches, 2D electrophoresis is a 25 technique well known to those in the art. Isolation of individual proteins from a sample such as serum is accomplished using sequential separation of proteins by different characteristics usually on polyacrylamide gels. First, proteins are separated by size using an electric The current acts uniformly on all proteins, so smaller proteins move farther on the gel than larger The second dimension applies a current perpendicular to the first and separates proteins not on the basis of size but on the specific electric charge 35 carried by each protein. Since no two proteins with

different sequences are identical on the basis of both size and charge, the result of a 2D separation is a square gel in which each protein occupies a unique spot. Analysis of the spots with chemical or antibody probes, or subsequent protein microsequencing can reveal the relative abundance of a given protein and the identity of the proteins in the sample.

The above tests can be carried out on samples derived from a variety of cells, bodily fluids and/or tissue

10 extracts such as homogenates or solubilized tissue obtained from a patient. Tissue extracts are obtained routinely from tissue biopsy and autopsy material. Bodily fluids useful in the present invention include blood, urine, saliva or any other bodily secretion or derivative thereof.

15 By blood it is meant to include whole blood, plasma, serum or any derivative of blood.

In Vivo Targeting of LSG/Lung Cancer Therapy

Identification of this LSG is also useful in the rational design of new therapeutics for imaging and 20 treating cancers, and in particular lung cancer. For example, in one embodiment, antibodies which specifically bind to LSG can be raised and used in vivo in patients suspected of suffering from lung cancer. Antibodies which specifically bind LSG can be injected into a patient 25 suspected of having lung cancer for diagnostic and/or therapeutic purposes. Thus, another aspect of the present invention provides for a method for preventing the onset and treatment of lung cancer in a human patient in need of such treatment by administering to the patient an effective 30 amount of antibody. By "effective amount" it is meant the amount or concentration of antibody needed to bind to the target antigens expressed on the tumor to cause tumor shrinkage for surgical removal, or disappearance of the tumor. The binding of the antibody to the overexpressed 35 LSG is believed to cause the death of the cancer cell

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expressing such LSG. The preparation and use of antibodies for in vivo diagnosis and treatment is well known in the art. For example, antibody-chelators labeled with Indium-111 have been described for use in the 5 radioimmunoscintographic imaging of carcinoembryonic antigen expressing tumors (Sumerdon et al. Nucl. Med. Biol. 1990 17:247-254). In particular, these antibody-chelators have been used in detecting tumors in patients suspected of having recurrent colorectal cancer (Griffin et al. J. Clin. 10 Onc. 1991 9:631-640). Antibodies with paramagnetic ions as labels for use in magnetic resonance imaging have also been described (Lauffer, R.B. Magnetic Resonance in Medicine 1991 22:339-342). Antibodies directed against LSG can be used in a similar manner. Labeled antibodies which 15 specifically bind LSG can be injected into patients suspected of having lung cancer for the purpose of diagnosing or staging of the disease status of the patient. The label used will be selected in accordance with the imaging modality to be used. For example, radioactive 20 labels such as Indium-111, Technetium-99m or Iodine-131 can be used for planar scans or single photon emission computed tomography (SPECT). Positron emitting labels such as Fluorine-19 can be used in positron emission tomography. Paramagnetic ions such as Gadlinium (III) or Manganese (II) 25 can be used in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Presence of the label, as compared to imaging of normal tissue, permits determination of the spread of the cancer. amount of label within an organ or tissue also allows determination of the presence or absence of cancer in that

Antibodies which can be used in *in vivo* methods include polyclonal, monoclonal and omniclonal antibodies and antibodies prepared via molecular biology techniques. Antibody fragments and aptamers and single-stranded oligonucleotides such as those derived from an *in vitro*

30 organ or tissue.

evolution protocol referred to as SELEX and well known to those skilled in the art can also be used.

Screening Assays

The present invention also provides methods for identifying modulators which bind to LSG protein or have a modulatory effect on the expression or activity of LSG protein. Modulators which decrease the expression or activity of LSG protein are believed to be useful in treating lung cancer. Such screening assays are known to those of skill in the art and include, without limitation, cell-based assays and cell free assays.

Small molecules predicted via computer imaging to specifically bind to regions of LSG can also be designed, synthesized and tested for use in the imaging and treatment of lung cancer. Further, libraries of molecules can be screened for potential anticancer agents by assessing the ability of the molecule to bind to the LSGs identified herein. Molecules identified in the library as being capable of binding to LSG are key candidates for further evaluation for use in the treatment of lung cancer. In a preferred embodiment, these molecules will downregulate expression and/or activity of LSG in cells.

Adoptive Immunotherapy and Vaccines

Adoptive immunotherapy of cancer refers to a

25 therapeutic approach in which immune cells with an
antitumor reactivity are administered to a tumor-bearing
host, with the aim that the cells mediate either directly
or indirectly, the regression of an established tumor.
Transfusion of lymphocytes, particularly T lymphocytes,
30 falls into this category and investigators at the National
Cancer Institute (NCI) have used autologous reinfusion of
peripheral blood lymphocytes or tumor-infiltrating
lymphocytes (TIL), T cell cultures from biopsies of
subcutaneous lymph nodules, to treat several human cancers
35 (Rosenberg, S. A., U.S. Patent No. 4,690,914, issued Sep.

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1, 1987; Rosenberg, S. A., et al., 1988, N. England J. Med. 319:1676-1680).

The present invention relates to compositions and methods of adoptive immunotherapy for the prevention and/or treatment of primary and metastatic lung cancer in humans using macrophages sensitized to the antigenic LSG molecules, with or without non-covalent complexes of heat shock protein (hsp). Antigenicity or immunogenicity of the LSG is readily confirmed by the ability of the LSG protein or a fragment thereof to raise antibodies or educate naive effector cells, which in turn lyse target cells expressing the antigen (or epitope).

Cancer cells are, by definition, abnormal and contain proteins which should be recognized by the immune system as 15 foreign since they are not present in normal tissues. However, the immune system often seems to ignore this abnormality and fails to attack tumors. The foreign LSG proteins that are produced by the cancer cells can be used to reveal their presence. The LSG is broken into short 20 fragments, called tumor antigens, which are displayed on the surface of the cell. These tumor antigens are held or presented on the cell surface by molecules called MHC, of which there are two types: class I and II. Tumor antigens in association with MHC class I molecules are recognized by 25 cytotoxic T cells while antigen-MHC class II complexes are recognized by a second subset of T cells called helper These cells secrete cytokines which slow or stop tumor growth and help another type of white blood cell, B cells, to make antibodies against the tumor cells.

In adoptive immunotherapy, T cells or other antigen presenting cells (APCs) are stimulated outside the body (ex vivo), using the tumor specific LSG antigen. The stimulated cells are then reinfused into the patient where they attack the cancerous cells. Research has shown that using both cytotoxic and helper T cells is far more

effective than using either subset alone. Additionally, the LSG antigen may be complexed with heat shock proteins to stimulate the APCs as described in U.S. Patent No. 5,985,270.

The APCs can be selected from among those antigen presenting cells known in the art including, but not limited to, macrophages, dendritic cells, B lymphocytes, and a combination thereof, and are preferably macrophages. In a preferred use, wherein cells are autologous to the individual, autologous immune cells such as lymphocytes, macrophages or other APCs are used to circumvent the issue of whom to select as the donor of the immune cells for adoptive transfer. Another problem circumvented by use of autologous immune cells is graft versus host disease which can be fatal if unsuccessfully treated.

In adoptive immunotherapy with gene therapy, DNA of the LSG can be introduced into effector cells similarly as in conventional gene therapy. This can enhance the cytotoxicity of the effector cells to tumor cells as they 20 have been manipulated to produce the antigenic protein resulting in improvement of the adoptive immunotherapy.

LSG antigens of this invention are also useful as components of lung cancer vaccines. The vaccine comprises an immunogenically stimulatory amount of a LSG antigen.

- Immunogenically stimulatory amount refers to that amount of antigen that is able to invoke the desired immune response in the recipient for the amelioration, or treatment of lung cancer. Effective amounts may be determined empirically by standard procedures well known to those skilled in the art.
- The LSG antigen may be provided in any one of a number of vaccine formulations which are designed to induce the desired type of immune response, e.g., antibody and/or cell mediated. Such formulations are known in the art and include, but are not limited to, formulations such as those described in U.S. Patent 5,585,103. Vaccine formulations

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of the present invention used to stimulate immune responses can also include pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvants.

Vectors, host cells, expression

The present invention also relates to vectors which include polynucleotides of the present invention, host cells which are genetically engineered with vectors of the invention and the production of polypeptides of the invention by recombinant techniques.

Host cells can be genetically engineered to

incorporate LSG polynucleotides and express LSG

polypeptides of the present invention. For instance, LSG

polynucleotides may be introduced into host cells using

well known techniques of infection, transduction,

transfection, transvection and transformation. The LSG

polynucleotides may be introduced alone or with other

polynucleotides. Such other polynucleotides may be

introduced independently, co-introduced or introduced

joined to the LSG polynucleotides of the invention.

For example, LSG polynucleotides of the invention may 20 be transfected into host cells with another, separate, polynucleotide encoding a selectable marker, using standard techniques for co-transfection and selection in, for instance, mammalian cells. In this case, the polynucleotides generally will be stably incorporated into 25 the host cell genome.

Alternatively, the LSG polynucleotide may be joined to a vector containing a selectable marker for propagation in a host. The vector construct may be introduced into host cells by the aforementioned techniques. Generally, a plasmid vector is introduced as DNA in a precipitate, such as a calcium phosphate precipitate, or in a complex with a charged lipid. Electroporation also may be used to introduce LSG polynucleotides into a host. If the vector is a virus, it may be packaged in vitro or introduced into a packaging cell and the packaged virus may be transduced

into cells. A wide variety of well known techniques conducted routinely by those of skill in the art are suitable for making LSG polynucleotides and for introducing LSG polynucleotides into cells in accordance with this aspect of the invention. Such techniques are reviewed at length in reference texts such as Sambrook et al., previously cited herein.

Vectors which may be used in the present invention include, for example, plasmid vectors, single- or double10 stranded phage vectors, and single- or double-stranded RNA or DNA viral vectors. Such vectors may be introduced into cells as polynucleotides, preferably DNA, by well known techniques for introducing DNA and RNA into cells. The vectors, in the case of phage and viral vectors, also may be and preferably are introduced into cells as packaged or encapsidated virus by well known techniques for infection and transduction. Viral vectors may be replication competent or replication defective. In the latter case viral propagation generally will occur only in
20 complementing host cells.

Preferred vectors for expression of polynucleotides and polypeptides of the present invention include, but are not limited to, vectors comprising cis-acting control regions effective for expression in a host operatively linked to the polynucleotide to be expressed. Appropriate trans-acting factors either are supplied by the host, supplied by a complementing vector or supplied by the vector itself upon introduction into the host.

In certain preferred embodiments in this regard, the
vectors provide for specific expression. Such specific
expression may be inducible expression or expression only
in certain types of cells or both inducible and cellspecific. Particularly preferred among inducible vectors
are vectors that can be induced to express by environmental
factors that are easy to manipulate, such as temperature

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and nutrient additives. A variety of vectors suitable to this aspect of the invention, including constitutive and inducible expression vectors for use in prokaryotic and eukaryotic hosts, are well known and employed routinely by 5 those of skill in the art.

The engineered host cells can be cultured in conventional nutrient media which may be modified as appropriate for, inter alia, activating promoters, selecting transformants or amplifying genes. 10 conditions such as temperature, pH and the like, previously used with the host cell selected for expression, generally will be suitable for expression of LSG polypeptides of the present invention.

A great variety of expression vectors can be used to 15 express LSG polypeptides of the invention. Such vectors include chromosomal, episomal and virus-derived vectors. Vectors may be derived from bacterial plasmids, from bacteriophage, from yeast episomes, from yeast chromosomal elements, from viruses such as baculoviruses, papova 20 viruses, such as SV40, vaccinia viruses, adenoviruses, fowl pox viruses, pseudorabies viruses and retroviruses, and from combinations thereof such as those derived from plasmid and bacteriophage genetic elements, such as cosmids and phagemids. All may be used for expression in accordance 25 with this aspect of the present invention. Generally, any vector suitable to maintain, propagate or express polynucleotides to express a polypeptide in a host may be used for expression in this regard.

The appropriate DNA sequence may be inserted into the 30 vector by any of a variety of well-known and routine techniques. In general, a DNA sequence for expression is joined to an expression vector by cleaving the DNA sequence and the expression vector with one or more restriction endonucleases and then joining the restriction fragments 35 together using T4 DNA ligase. Procedures for restriction

and ligation that can be used to this end are well known and routine to those of skill. Suitable procedures in this regard, and for constructing expression vectors using alternative techniques, which also are well known and routine to those skill, are set forth in great detail in Sambrook et al. cited elsewhere herein.

The DNA sequence in the expression vector is operatively linked to appropriate expression control sequence(s), including, for instance, a promoter to direct 10 mRNA transcription. Representative promoters include the phage lambda PL promoter, the E. coli lac, trp and tac promoters, the SV40 early and late promoters, and promoters of retroviral LTRs, to name just a few of the well-known promoters. It will be understood that numerous promoters not mentioned are also suitable for use in this aspect of the invention and are well known and readily may be employed by those of skill in the manner illustrated by the discussion and the examples herein.

In general, expression constructs will contain sites

20 for transcription initiation and termination, and, in the
transcribed region, a ribosome binding site for
translation. The coding portion of the mature transcripts
expressed by the constructs will include a translation
initiating AUG at the beginning and a termination codon

25 appropriately positioned at the end of the polypeptide to
be translated.

In addition, the constructs may contain control regions that regulate as well as engender expression. Generally, in accordance with many commonly practiced procedures, such regions will operate by controlling transcription, such as repressor binding sites and enhancers, among others.

Vectors for propagation and expression generally will include selectable markers. Such markers also may be suitable for amplification or the vectors may contain

additional markers for this purpose. In this regard, the expression vectors preferably contain one or more selectable marker genes to provide a phenotypic trait for selection of transformed host cells. Preferred markers include dihydrofolate reductase or neomycin resistance for eukaryotic cell culture, and tetracycline or ampicillin resistance genes for culturing in *E. coli* and other bacteria.

The vector containing the appropriate DNA sequence as described elsewhere herein, as well as an appropriate promoter, and other appropriate control sequences, may be introduced into an appropriate host using a variety of well known techniques suitable to expression therein of a desired polypeptide. Representative examples of appropriate hosts include bacterial cells, such as E. coli, Streptomyces and Salmonella typhimurium cells; fungal cells, such as yeast cells; insect cells such as Drosophila S2 and Spodoptera Sf9 cells; animal cells such as CHO, COS and Bowes melanoma cells; and plant cells. Hosts for a great variety of expression constructs are well known, and those of skill will be enabled by the present disclosure readily to select a host for expressing a LSG polypeptide in accordance with this aspect of the present invention.

More particularly, the present invention also
includes recombinant constructs, such as expression
constructs, comprising one or more of the sequences
described above. The constructs comprise a vector, such as
a plasmid or viral vector, into which such LSG sequence of
the invention has been inserted. The sequence may be
inserted in a forward or reverse orientation. In certain
preferred embodiments in this regard, the construct further
comprises regulatory sequences, including, for example, a
promoter, operably linked to the sequence. Large numbers of
suitable vectors and promoters are known to those of skill

in the art, and there are many commercially available vectors suitable for use in the present invention.

The following vectors, which are commercially available, are provided by way of example. Among vectors 5 preferred for use in bacteria are pQE70, pQE60 and pQE-9, available from Qiagen; pBS vectors, Phagescript vectors, Bluescript vectors, pNH8A, pNH16a, pNH18A, pNH46A, available from Stratagene; and ptrc99a, pKK223-3, pKK233-3, pDR540, pRIT5 available from Pharmacia. Among preferred 10 eukaryotic vectors are PWLNEO, pSV2CAT, pOG44, pXT1 and pSG available from Stratagene; and pSVK3, pBPV, pMSG and pSVL available from Pharmacia. These vectors are listed solely by way of illustration of the many commercially available and well known vectors that are available to those of skill -15 in the art for use in accordance with this aspect of the present invention. It will be appreciated by those of skill in the art upon reading this disclosure that any other plasmid or vector suitable for introduction, maintenance, propagation and/or expression of a LSG 20 polynucleotide or polypeptide of the invention in a host may be used in this aspect of the invention.

Promoter regions can be selected from any desired gene using vectors that contain a reporter transcription unit lacking a promoter region, such as a chloramphenicol acetyl transferase ("cat") transcription unit, downstream of a restriction site or sites for introducing a candidate promoter fragment; i.e., a fragment that may contain a promoter. As is well known, introduction into the vector of a promoter-containing fragment at the restriction site upstream of the cat gene engenders production of CAT activity detectable by standard CAT assays. Vectors suitable to this end are well known and readily available. Two such vectors are pKK232-8 and pCM7. Thus, promoters for expression of LSG polynucleotides of the present invention include, not only well known and readily

available promoters, but also promoters that readily may be obtained by the foregoing technique, using a reporter gene.

Among known bacterial promoters suitable for expression of polynucleotides and polypeptides in 5 accordance with the present invention are the E. coli laci and lacZ promoters, the T3 and T7 promoters, the gpt promoter, the lambda PR, PL promoters and the trp promoter. Among known eukaryotic promoters suitable in this regard are the CMV immediate early promoter, the HSV thymidine 10 kinase promoter, the early and late SV40 promoters, the promoters of retroviral LTRs, such as those of the Rous sarcoma virus ("RSV"), and metallothionein promoters, such as the mouse metallothionein-I promoter.

Selection of appropriate vectors and promoters for 15 expression in a host cell is a well known procedure and the requisite techniques for expression vector construction, introduction of the vector into the host and expression in the host are routine skills in the art.

The present invention also relates to host cells 20 containing the above-described constructs. The host cell can be a higher eukaryotic cell, such as a mammalian cell, or a lower eukaryotic cell, such as a yeast cell. Alternatively, the host cell can be a prokaryotic cell, such as a bacterial cell.

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Introduction of the construct into the host cell can be effected by calcium phosphate transfection, DEAE-dextran mediated transfection, cationic lipid-mediated transfection, electroporation, transduction, infection or other methods. Such methods are described in many standard 30 laboratory manuals, such as Davis et al. BASIC METHODS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, (1986).

Constructs in host cells can be used in a conventional manner to produce the gene product encoded by the recombinant sequence. Alternatively, LSG polypeptides

of the invention can be synthetically produced by conventional peptide synthesizers.

Mature proteins can be expressed in mammalian cells, yeast, bacteria, or other cells under the control of

5 appropriate promoters. Cell-free translation systems can also be employed to produce such proteins using RNAs derived from the DNA constructs of the present invention.

Appropriate cloning and expression vectors for use with prokaryotic and eukaryotic hosts are described by Sambrook 10 et al. cited elsewhere herein.

Generally, recombinant expression vectors will include origins of replication, a promoter derived from a highly-expressed gene to direct transcription of a downstream structural sequence, and a selectable marker to permit isolation of vector containing cells after exposure to the vector. Among suitable promoters are those derived from the genes that encode glycolytic enzymes such as 3-phosphoglycerate kinase ("PGK"), a-factor, acid phosphatase, and heat shock proteins, among others.

20 Selectable markers include the ampicillin resistance gene of *E. coli* and the *trpl* gene of *S. cerevisiae*.

Transcription of DNA encoding the LSG polypeptides of the present invention by higher eukaryotes may be increased by inserting an enhancer sequence into the vector.

- 25 Enhancers are cis-acting elements of DNA, usually about from 10 to 300 base pairs (bp) that act to increase transcriptional activity of a promoter in a given host cell-type. Examples of enhancers include the SV40 enhancer, which is located on the late side of the
- 30 replication origin at bp 100 to 270, the cytomegalovirus early promoter enhancer, the polyoma enhancer on the late side of the replication origin, and adenovirus enhancers.

A polynucleotide of the present invention, encoding a heterologous structural sequence of a LSG polypeptide of the present invention, generally will be inserted into the

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vector using standard techniques so that it is operably linked to the promoter for expression. The polynucleotide will be positioned so that the transcription start site is located appropriately 5' to a ribosome binding site. The 5 ribosome binding site will be 5' to the AUG that initiates translation of the polypeptide to be expressed. Generally, there will be no other open reading frames that begin with an initiation codon, usually AUG, lying between the ribosome binding site and the initiating AUG. Also, 10 generally, there will be a translation stop codon at the end of the polypeptide and there will be a polyadenylation signal and a transcription termination signal appropriately disposed at the 3' end of the transcribed region.

Appropriate secretion signals may be incorporated 15 into the expressed polypeptide for secretion of the translated protein into the lumen of the endoplasmic reticulum, into the periplasmic space or into the extracellular environment. The signals may be endogenous to the polypeptide or they may be heterologous signals.

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The polypeptide may be expressed in a modified form, such as a fusion protein, and may include not only secretion signals but also additional heterologous functional regions. Thus, for instance, a region of additional amino acids, particularly charged amino acids, 25 may be added to the N-terminus of the polypeptide to improve stability and persistence in the host cell during purification or during subsequent handling and storage. A region also may be added to the polypeptide to facilitate purification. Such regions may be removed prior to final 30 preparation of the polypeptide. The addition of peptide moieties to polypeptides to engender secretion or excretion, to improve stability and to facilitate purification, among others, are familiar and routine techniques in the art.

Suitable prokaryotic hosts for propagation,
maintenance or expression of LSG polynucleotides and
polypeptides in accordance with the invention include
Escherichia coli, Bacillus subtilis and Salmonella

5 typhimurium. Various species of Pseudomonas, Streptomyces,
and Staphylococcus are suitable hosts in this regard. Many
other hosts also known to those of skill may also be
employed in this regard.

As a representative, but non-limiting example, useful 10 expression vectors for bacterial use can comprise a selectable marker and bacterial origin of replication derived from commercially available plasmids comprising genetic elements of the well known cloning vector pBR322. Such commercial vectors include, for example, pKK223-3 15 (Pharmacia Fine Chemicals, Uppsala, Sweden) and GEM1 (Promega Biotec, Madison, Wis., USA). These pBR322 "backbone" sections are combined with an appropriate promoter and the structural sequence to be expressed. Following transformation of a suitable host strain and 20 growth of the host strain to an appropriate cell density, where the selected promoter is inducible it is induced by appropriate means (e.g., temperature shift or exposure to chemical inducer) and cells are cultured for an additional period. Cells typically then are harvested by 25 centrifugation, disrupted by physical or chemical means, and the resulting crude extract retained for further purification. Microbial cells employed in expression of proteins can be disrupted by any convenient method, including freeze-thaw cycling, sonication, mechanical 30 disruption, or use of cell lysing agents, such methods are well know to those skilled in the art.

Various mammalian cell culture systems can be employed for expression, as well. An exemplary mammalian expression systems is the COS-7 line of monkey kidney fibroblasts described in Gluzman et al., Cell 23: 175

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(1981). Other mammalian cell lines capable of expressing a compatible vector include for example, the C127, 3T3, CHO, HeLa, human kidney 293 and BHK cell lines. Mammalian expression vectors comprise an origin of replication, a 5 suitable promoter and enhancer, and any ribosome binding sites, polyadenylation sites, splice donor and acceptor sites, transcriptional termination sequences, and 5' flanking non-transcribed sequences that are necessary for expression. In certain preferred embodiments in this regard 10 DNA sequences derived from the SV40 splice sites, and the SV40 polyadenylation sites are used for required nontranscribed genetic elements of these types.

LSG polypeptides can be recovered and purified from recombinant cell cultures by well-known methods including 15 ammonium sulfate or ethanol precipitation, acid extraction, anion or cation exchange chromatography, phosphocellulose chromatography, hydrophobic interaction chromatography, affinity chromatography, hydroxylapatite chromatography and lectin chromatography. Most preferably, high performance 20 liquid chromatography ("HPLC") is employed for purification. Well known techniques for refolding proteins may be employed to regenerate active conformation when the polypeptide is denatured during isolation and or purification.

LSG polypeptides of the present invention include naturally purified products, products of chemical synthetic procedures, and products produced by recombinant techniques from a prokaryotic or eukaryotic host, including, for example, bacterial, yeast, higher plant, insect and 30 mammalian cells. Depending upon the host employed in a recombinant production procedure, the LSG polypeptides of the present invention may be glycosylated or may be nonglycosylated. In addition, LSG polypeptides of the invention may also include an initial modified methionine

residue, in some cases as a result of host-mediated processes.

LSG polynucleotides and polypeptides may be used in accordance with the present invention for a variety of applications, particularly those that make use of the chemical and biological properties of the LSGs. Additional applications relate to diagnosis and to treatment of disorders of cells, tissues and organisms. These aspects of the invention are illustrated further by the following discussion.

Polynucleotide assays

As discussed in some detail supra, this invention is also related to the use of LSG polynucleotides to detect complementary polynucleotides such as, for example, as a diagnostic reagent. Detection of a mutated form of LSG associated with a dysfunction will provide a diagnostic tool that can add to or define a diagnosis of a disease or susceptibility to a disease which results from underexpression, over-expression or altered expression of a LSG, such as, for example, a susceptibility to inherited lung cancer.

Individuals carrying mutations in a human LSG gene may be detected at the DNA level by a variety of techniques. Nucleic acids for diagnosis may be obtained from a patient's cells, such as from blood, urine, saliva, tissue biopsy and autopsy material. The genomic DNA may be used directly for detection or may be amplified enzymatically using PCR prior to analysis(Saiki et al., Nature, 324: 163-166 (1986)). RNA or cDNA may also be used in a similar manner. As an example, PCR primers complementary to a LSG polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 can be used to identify and analyze LSG expression and mutations. For example, deletions and insertions can be detected by a change in

size of the amplified product in comparison to the normal genotype. Point mutations can be identified by hybridizing amplified DNA to radiolabeled LSG RNA or alternatively, radiolabeled LSG antisense DNA sequences. Perfectly matched sequences can be distinguished from mismatched duplexes by RNase A digestion or by differences in melting temperatures.

Sequence differences between a reference gene and genes having mutations also may be revealed by direct DNA sequencing. In addition, cloned DNA segments may be employed as probes to detect specific DNA segments. The sensitivity of such methods can be greatly enhanced by appropriate use of PCR or another amplification method. For example, a sequencing primer is used with double-stranded PCR product or a single-stranded template molecule generated by a modified PCR. The sequence determination is performed by conventional procedures with radiolabeled nucleotide or by automatic sequencing procedures with fluorescent-tags.

Genetic testing based on DNA sequence differences may be achieved by detection of alterations in electrophoretic mobility of DNA fragments in gels, with or without denaturing agents. Small sequence deletions and insertions can be visualized by high resolution gel electrophoresis.

DNA fragments of different sequences may be distinguished on denaturing formamide gradient gels in which the mobilities of different DNA fragments are retarded in the gel at different positions according to their specific melting or partial melting temperatures (see, e.g., Myers et al., Science, 230: 1242 (1985)).

Sequence changes at specific locations also may be revealed by nuclease protection assays, such as RNase and S1 protection or the chemical cleavage method (e.g., Cotton et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA, 85: 4397-4401 (1985)).

Thus, the detection of a specific DNA sequence may be achieved by methods such as hybridization, RNase protection, chemical cleavage, direct DNA sequencing or the use of restriction enzymes, (e.g., restriction fragment length polymorphisms ("RFLP") and Southern blotting of genomic DNA. In addition to more conventional gelelectrophoresis and DNA sequencing, mutations also can be detected by in situ analysis.

Chromosome assays

The LSG sequences of the present invention are also valuable for chromosome identification. There is a need for identifying particular sites on the chromosome and few chromosome marking reagents based on actual sequence data (repeat polymorphisms) are presently available for marking chromosomal location. Each LSG sequence of the present invention is specifically targeted to and can hybridize with a particular location on an individual human chromosome. Thus, the LSGs can be used in the mapping of DNAs to chromosomes, an important first step in correlating sequences with genes associated with disease.

In certain preferred embodiments in this regard, the cDNA herein disclosed is used to clone genomic DNA of a LSG of the present invention. This can be accomplished using a variety of well known techniques and libraries, which

25 generally are available commercially. The genomic DNA is used for in situ chromosome mapping using well known techniques for this purpose.

In some cases, sequences can be mapped to chromosomes by preparing PCR primers (preferably 15-25 bp) from the 30 cDNA. Computer analysis of the 3' untranslated region of the gene is used to rapidly select primers that do not span more than one exon in the genomic DNA, thus complicating the amplification process. These primers are then used for PCR screening of somatic cell hybrids containing individual human chromosomes. Only those hybrids containing the human

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gene corresponding to the primer will yield an amplified fragment.

PCR mapping of somatic cell hybrids is a rapid procedure for assigning a particular DNA to a particular 5 chromosome. Using the present invention with the same oligonucleotide primers, sublocalization can be achieved with panels of fragments from specific chromosomes or pools of large genomic clones in an analogous manner. mapping strategies that can similarly be used to map to its 10 chromosome include in situ hybridization, prescreening with labeled flow-sorted chromosomes and preselection by hybridization to construct chromosome specific-cDNA libraries.

Fluorescence in situ hybridization ("FISH") of a cDNA 15 clone to a metaphase chromosomal spread can be used to provide a precise chromosomal location in one step. This technique can be used with cDNA as short as 50 or 60 bp. This technique is described by Verma et al. (HUMAN CHROMOSOMES: A MANUAL OF BASIC TECHNIQUES, Pergamon Press, 20 New York (1988)).

Once a sequence has been mapped to a precise chromosomal location, the physical position of the sequence on the chromosome can be correlated with genetic map data. Such data are found, for example, in V. McKusick, MENDELIAN 25 INHERITANCE IN MAN, available on line through Johns Hopkins University, Welch Medical Library. The relationship between genes and diseases that have been mapped to the same chromosomal region are then identified through linkage analysis (coinheritance of physically adjacent genes).

Next, it is necessary to determine the differences in the cDNA or genomic sequence between affected and unaffected individuals. If a mutation is observed in some or all of the affected individuals but not in any normal individuals, then the mutation is likely to be the 35 causative agent of the disease.

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With current resolution of physical mapping and genetic mapping techniques, a cDNA precisely localized to a chromosomal region associated with the disease could be one of between 50 and 500 potential causative genes. (This assumes 1 megabase mapping resolution and one gene per 20 kb).

Polypeptide assays

As described in some detail supra, the present invention also relates to diagnostic assays such as 10 quantitative and diagnostic assays for detecting levels of LSG polypeptide in cells and tissues, and biological fluids such as blood and urine, including determination of normal and abnormal levels. Thus, for instance, a diagnostic assay in accordance with the present invention for detecting 15 over-expression or under-expression of a LSG polypeptide compared to normal control tissue samples may be used to detect the presence of neoplasia. Assay techniques that can be used to determine levels of a protein, such as a LSG polypeptide of the present invention, in a sample derived 20 from a host are well-known to those of skill in the art. Such assay methods include radioimmunoassays, competitivebinding assays, Western Blot analysis and ELISA assays. Among these ELISAs frequently are preferred.

For example, antibody-sandwich ELISAs are used to
25 detect polypeptides in a sample, preferably a biological
sample. Wells of a microtiter plate are coated with
specific antibodies, at a final concentration of 0.2 to 10
µg/ml. The antibodies are either monoclonal or polyclonal
and are produced by methods as described herein. The wells
30 are blocked so that non-specific binding of the polypeptide
to the well is reduced. The coated wells are then
incubated for > 2 hours at room temperature with a sample
containing the LSG polypeptide. Preferably, serial
dilutions of the sample should be used to validate results.
35 The plates are then washed three times with deionized or

distilled water to remove unbounded polypeptide. Next, 50 µl of specific antibody-alkaline phosphatase conjugate, at a concentration of 25-400 ng, is added and incubated for 2 hours at room temperature. The plates are again washed 5 three times with deionized or distilled water to remove unbounded conjugate. 4-methylumbelliferyl phosphate (MUP) or p-nitrophenyl phosphate (NPP) substrate solution (75µl) is then added to each well and the plate is incubated 1 hour at room temperature. The reaction is measured by a 10 microtiter plate reader. A standard curve is prepared using serial dilutions of a control sample, and polypeptide concentration is plotted on the X-axis (log scale) while fluorescence or absorbance is plotted on the Y-axis (linear scale). The concentration of the LSG polypeptide in the 15 sample is interpolated using the standard curve.

Antibodies

As discussed in some detail *supra*, LSG polypeptides, their fragments or other derivatives, or analogs thereof, or cells expressing them can be used as an immunogen to produce antibodies thereto. These antibodies can be polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies. The present invention also includes chimeric, single chain, and humanized antibodies, as well as Fab fragments, or the product of an Fab expression library. Various procedures known in the art may be used for the production of such antibodies and fragments.

A variety of methods for antibody production are set forth in Current Protocols, Chapter 2.

For example, cells expressing a LSG polypeptide of
the present invention can be administered to an animal to
induce the production of sera containing polyclonal
antibodies. In a preferred method, a preparation of the
secreted protein is prepared and purified to render it
substantially free of natural contaminants. This
preparation is then introduced into an animal in order to

produce polyclonal antisera of greater specific activity.

The antibody obtained will bind with the LSG polypeptide itself. In this manner, even a sequence encoding only a fragment of the LSG polypeptide can be used to generate antibodies binding the whole native polypeptide. Such antibodies can then be used to isolate the LSG polypeptide from tissue expressing that LSG polypeptide.

Alternatively, monoclonal antibodies can be prepared. Examples of techniques for production of monoclonal antibodies include, but are not limited to, the hybridoma technique (Kohler, G. and Milstein, C., Nature 256: 495-497 (1975), the trioma technique, the human B-cell hybridoma technique (Kozbor et al., Immunology Today 4: 72 (1983) and (Cole et al., pg. 77-96 in MONOCLONAL ANTIBODIES AND CANCER THERAPY, Alan R. Liss, Inc. (1985). The EBV-hybridoma technique is useful in production of human monoclonal antibodies.

Hybridoma technologies have also been described by Khler et al. (Eur. J. Immunol. 6: 511 (1976)) Khler et al. 20 (Eur. J.Immunol. 6: 292 (1976)) and Hammerling et al. (in: Monoclonal Antibodies and T-Cell Hybridomas, Elsevier, N. Y., pp. 563-681 (1981)). In general, such procedures involve immunizing an animal (preferably a mouse) with LSG polypeptide or, more preferably, with a secreted LSG 25 polypeptide-expressing cell. Such cells may be cultured in any suitable tissue culture medium; however, it is preferable to culture cells in Earle's modified Eagle's medium supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (inactivated at about 56°C), and supplemented with about 10 30 g/l of nonessential amino acids, about 1,000 U/ml of penicillin, and about 100 $\mu g/ml$ of streptomycin. splenocytes of such mice are extracted and fused with a suitable myeloma cell line. Any suitable myeloma cell line may be employed in accordance with the present invention; 35 however, it is preferable to employ the parent myeloma cell

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line (SP20), available from the ATCC. After fusion, the resulting hybridoma cells are selectively maintained in HAT medium, and then cloned by limiting dilution as described by Wands et al. (Gastroenterology 80: 225-232 (1981).). 5 The hybridoma cells obtained through such a selection are

then assayed to identify clones which secrete antibodies capable of binding the polypeptide.

Alternatively, additional antibodies capable of binding to the polypeptide can be produced in a two-step 10 procedure using anti-idiotypic antibodies. Such a method makes use of the fact that antibodies are themselves antigens, and therefore, it is possible to obtain an antibody which binds to a second antibody. In accordance with this method, protein specific antibodies are used to 15 immunize an animal, preferably a mouse. The splenocytes of such an animal are then used to produce hybridoma cells, and the hybridoma cells are screened to identify clones which produce an antibody whose ability to bind to the protein-specific antibody can be blocked by the 20 polypeptide. Such antibodies comprise anti-idiotypic antibodies to the protein specific antibody and can be used to immunize an animal to induce formation of further protein-specific antibodies.

Techniques described for the production of single 25 chain antibodies (U.S. Patent 4,946,778) can also be adapted to produce single chain antibodies to immunogenic polypeptide products of this invention. Also, transgenic mice, as well as other nonhuman transgenic animals, may be used to express humanized antibodies to immunogenic 30 polypeptide products of this invention.

It will be appreciated that Fab, F(ab')2 and other fragments of the antibodies of the present invention may also be used according to the methods disclosed herein. Such fragments are typically produced by proteolytic 35 cleavage, using enzymes such as papain (to produce Fab

fragments) or pepsin (to produce F(ab')2 fragments). Alternatively, secreted protein-binding fragments can be produced through the application of recombinant DNA technology or through synthetic chemistry.

- For in vivo use of antibodies in humans, it may be preferable to use "humanized" chimeric monoclonal antibodies. Such antibodies can be produced using genetic constructs derived from hybridoma cells producing the monoclonal antibodies described above. Methods for
- producing chimeric antibodies are known in the art (See, for review, Morrison, Science 229: 1202 (1985); Oi et al., BioTechniques 4: 214 (1986); Cabilly et al., U. S. Patent 4,816,567; Taniguchi et al., EP 171496; Morrison et al., EP 173494; Neuberger et al., WO 8601533; Robinson et al., WO
- 15 8702671; Boulianne et al., Nature 312: 643 (1984); Neuberger et al., Nature 314: 268 (1985).)

The above-described antibodies may be employed to isolate or to identify clones expressing LSG polypeptides or purify LSG polypeptides of the present invention by

- attachment of the antibody to a solid support for isolation and/or purification by affinity chromatography. As discussed in more detail supra, antibodies specific against a LSG may also be used to image tumors, particularly cancer of the lung, in patients suffering from cancer. Such
- 25 antibodies may also be used therapeutically to target tumors expressing a LSG.

Preferred exemplary antigenic epitopes of LSGs of the present invention which have been identified are depicted below. The antigenicity index (AI avg) used is Jameson-

30 Wolf. In some embodiment, it may be preferred to raise antibodies against these regions of the LSGs.

LSG of SEQ ID NO:39

	positions	AI avg	length
35	176-220	1.37	45
	399-410	1.18	12
	301-317	1.13	17

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5	370-391 23-34 149-174 51-67 LSG of SEQ ID NO:42	1.13 1.07 1.00 1.00	22 12 26 17
J	positions	AI avg 1.25 1.25 1.20	length 13 11 13
10	874-887 226-235 30-51	1.18 1.15 1.09 1.07	14 10 22 11
15	991-1010 655-668 362-373 LSG of SEQ ID NO:44	1.06 1.06 1.00	20 14 12
20	positions 134-160 415-436 485-515 459-474	1.23 1.17 1.16 1.10	27 22 31 16
25	535-562 91-115 523-532 8-20	1.08 1.04 1.04 1.02	11 28 25 10 13
30	LSG of SEQ ID NO:45 positions 563-586 395-408 130-139 117-127 165-189	AI avg 1.19 1.09 1.04 1.02 1.01	length 24 14 10 11 25
35	LSG of SEQ ID NO:46 positions 122-137	AI avg	
40	LSG of SEQ ID NO:47 positions 1045-1054 845-880 919-945 1376-1418	AI avg 1.12 1.10 1.10	1ength 10 36 27 43
45	1376-1416 144-164 814-835 706-755 401-416 445-491	1.10 1.09 1.06 1.05 1.04	21 22 50 16 47
50	1061-1085 422-442 LSG of SEQ ID NO:48	1.03	25 21

5	positions 340-362 155-164 228-240 3-14 LSG of SEQ ID NO:49	AI avg 1.05 1.01 1.00 1.00	length 23 10 13 12
	positions 189-204 LSG of SEQ ID NO:50	AI avg 1.08	length 16
10	positions 134-143 23-45	AI avg 1.21 1.01	length 10 23
15	LSG of SEQ ID NO:51 positions 53-68	AI avg 1.14	length 16
	LSG of SEQ ID NO:53 positions 367-392	AI avg	length 26
20-	491-504 14-35 275-284 208-219	1.07 1.04 1.03 1.03	14 22 10 12
25	439-456 LSG of SEQ ID NO:54 positions	1.02 AI avg	18
	1671-1681 453-465 1748-1759	1.35 1.26 1.23	11 13 12
30	1725-1738 1804-1825 1644-1655 1281-1295	1.19 1.15 1.13 1.12	14 22 12 15
35	1532-1545 1351-1369 1040-1062 1334-1347 145-155	1.11 1.07 1.06 1.05 1.05	14 19 23 14
40	1121-1132 1307-1318 1376-1408 650-660 802-823	1.05 1.02 1.02 1.01 1.00	12 12 33 11
45	714-735 1885-1898 1967-1976 LSG of SEQ ID NO:55	1.00 1.00 1.00	22 14 10
50	positions 297-311 328-344 16-25 96-113	AI avg 1.31 1.25 1.20 1.12	1ength 15 17 10 18

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	381-393 236-250	1.12 1.10	13 15
	354-364	1.09	11
	441-451	1.07	11
5	274-291	1.00	18
	LSG of SEQ ID NO:56		
	positions	AI avg	length
	197-210	1.03	14
	318-328	1.02	11

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LSG binding molecules and assays

This invention also provides a method for identification of molecules, such as receptor molecules, that bind LSGs. Genes encoding proteins that bind LSGs, such as receptor proteins, can be identified by numerous methods known to those of skill in the art. Examples include, but are not limited to, ligand panning and FACS sorting. Such methods are described in many laboratory manuals such as, for instance, Coligan et al., Current Protocols in Immunology 1(2): Chapter 5 (1991).

Expression cloning may also be employed for this To this end, polyadenylated RNA is prepared from a cell responsive to a LSG of the present invention. A cDNA library is created from this RNA and the library is divided 25 into pools. The pools are then transfected individually into cells that are not responsive to a LSG of the present invention. The transfected cells then are exposed to labeled LSG. LSG polypeptides can be labeled by a variety of well-known techniques including, but not limited to, 30 standard methods of radio-iodination or inclusion of a recognition site for a site-specific protein kinase. Following exposure, the cells are fixed and binding of labeled LSG is determined. These procedures conveniently are carried out on glass slides. Pools containing labeled 35 LSG are identified as containing cDNA that produced LSGbinding cells. Sub-pools are then prepared from these positives, transfected into host cells and screened as

described above. Using an iterative sub-pooling and re-

screening process, one or more single clones that encode the putative binding molecule, such as a receptor molecule, can be isolated.

Alternatively a labeled ligand can be photoaffinity

linked to a cell extract, such as a membrane or a membrane extract, prepared from cells that express a molecule that it binds, such as a receptor molecule. Cross-linked material is resolved by polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis ("PAGE") and exposed to X-ray film. The labeled complex containing the ligand-receptor can be excised, resolved into peptide fragments, and subjected to protein microsequencing. The amino acid sequence obtained from microsequencing can be used to design unique or degenerate oligonucleotide probes to screen cDNA libraries to identify genes encoding the putative receptor molecule.

Polypeptides of the invention also can be used to assess LSG binding capacity of LSG binding molecules, such as receptor molecules, in cells or in cell-free preparations.

20 Agonists and antagonists - assays and molecules

The invention also provides a method of screening compounds to identify those which enhance or block the action of a LSG on cells. By "compound", as used herein, it is meant to be inclusive of small organic molecules, peptides, polypeptides and antibodies as well as any other candidate molecules which have the potential to enhance or agonize or block or antagonize the action of LSG on cells. As used herein, an agonist is a compound which increases the natural biological functions of a LSG or which functions in a manner similar to a LSG, while an antagonist, as used herein, is a compound which decreases or eliminates such functions. Various known methods for screening for agonists and/or antagonists can be adapted

for use in identifying LSG agonist or antagonists.

For example, a cellular compartment, such as a membrane or a preparation thereof, such as a membranepreparation, may be prepared from a cell that expresses a molecule that binds a LSG, such as a molecule of a 5 signaling or regulatory pathway modulated by LSG. preparation is incubated with labeled LSG in the absence or the presence of a compound which may be a LSG agonist or The ability of the compound to bind the antagonist. binding molecule is reflected in decreased binding of the Compounds which bind gratuitously, i.e., 10 labeled ligand. without inducing the effects of a LSG upon binding to the LSG binding molecule are most likely to be good antagonists. Compounds that bind well and elicit effects that are the same as or closely related to LSG are 15 agonists. LSG-like effects of potential agonists and antagonists may by measured, for instance, by determining activity of a second messenger system following interaction of the candidate molecule with a cell or appropriate cell preparation, and comparing the effect with that of LSG or 20 molecules that elicit the same effects as LSG. messenger systems that may be useful in this regard include, but are not limited to, AMP guanylate cyclase, ion channel or phosphoinositide hydrolysis second messenger systems.

25 Another example of an assay for LSG antagonists is a competitive assay that combines LSG and a potential antagonist with membrane-bound LSG receptor molecules or recombinant LSG receptor molecules under appropriate conditions for a competitive inhibition assay. LSG can be labeled, such as by radioactivity, such that the number of LSG molecules bound to a receptor molecule can be determined accurately to assess the effectiveness of the potential antagonist.

Potential antagonists include small organic
35 molecules, peptides, polypeptides and antibodies that bind

to a LSG polypeptide of the invention and thereby inhibit or extinguish its activity. Potential antagonists also may be small organic molecules, a peptide, a polypeptide such as a closely related protein or antibody that binds the same sites on a binding molecule, such as a receptor molecule, without inducing LSG-induced activities, thereby preventing the action of LSG by excluding LSG from binding.

Potential antagonists include small molecules which bind to and occupy the binding site of the LSG polypeptide thereby preventing binding to cellular binding molecules, such as receptor molecules, such that normal biological activity is prevented. Examples of small molecules include but are not limited to small organic molecules, peptides or peptide-like molecules.

- Other potential antagonists include antisense molecules. Antisense technology can be used to control gene expression through antisense DNA or RNA or through triplehelix formation. Antisense techniques are discussed, for example, in Okano, J. Neurochem. 56: 560 (1991);
- OLIGODEOXYNUCLEOTIDES AS ANTISENSE INHIBITORS OF GENE EXPRESSION, CRC Press, Boca Raton, Fla. (1988). Triple helix formation is discussed in, for instance Lee et al., Nucleic Acids Research 6: 3073 (1979); Cooney et al., Science 241: 456 (1988); and Dervan et al., Science 251:
- 25 1360 (1991). The methods are based on binding of a polynucleotide to a complementary DNA or RNA. For example, the 5' coding portion of a polynucleotide that encodes a mature LSG polypeptide of the present invention may be used to design an antisense RNA oligonucleotide of from about 10
- 30 to 40 base pairs in length. A DNA oligonucleotide is designed to be complementary to a region of the gene involved in transcription thereby preventing transcription and the production of a LSG polypeptide. The antisense RNA oligonucleotide hybridizes to the mRNA in vivo and blocks
- 35 translation of the mRNA molecule into a LSG polypeptide.

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The oligonucleotides described above can also be delivered to cells such that the antisense RNA or DNA may be expressed in vivo to inhibit production of a LSG. Compositions

The present invention also relates to compositions comprising a LSG polynucleotide or a LSG polypeptide or an agonist or antagonist thereof.

For example, a LSG polynucleotide, polypeptide or an agonist or antagonist thereof of the present invention may 10 be employed in combination with a non-sterile or sterile carrier or carriers for use with cells, tissues or organisms, such as a pharmaceutical carrier suitable for administration to a subject. Such compositions comprise, for instance, a media additive or a therapeutically 15 effective amount of a polypeptide of the invention and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient. carriers may include, but are not limited to, saline, buffered saline, dextrose, water, glycerol, ethanol and combinations thereof. The formulation should suit the mode 20 of administration.

Compositions of the present invention will be formulated and dosed in a fashion consistent with good medical practice, taking into account the clinical condition of the individual patient (especially the side 25 effects of treatment with the polypeptide or other compound alone), the site of delivery, the method of administration, the scheduling of administration, and other factors known to practitioners. The "effective amount" for purposes herein is thus determined by such considerations.

As a general proposition, the total pharmaceutically effective amount of secreted polypeptide administered parenterally per dose will be in the range of about 1, μ g/kg/day to 10 mg/kg/day of patient body weight, although, as noted above, this will be subject to therapeutic 35 discretion. More preferably, this dose is at least 0.01

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mg/kg/day, and most preferably for humans between about
0.01 and 1 mg/kg/day for the hormone. If given
continuously, the polypeptide or other compound is
typically administered at a dose rate of about 1 μg/kg/hour
5 to about 50 mg/kg/hour, either by 1-4 injections per day or
by continuous subcutaneous infusion, for example, using a
mini-pump. An intravenous bag solution may also be
employed. The length of treatment needed to observe changes
and the interval following treatment for responses to occur
10 appears to vary depending on the desired effect.

Pharmaceutical compositions containing the secreted protein of the invention are administered orally, rectally, parenterally, intracistemally, intravaginally, intraperitoneally, topically (as by powders, ointments, gels, drops or transdermal patch), bucally, or as an oral or nasal spray. "Pharmaceutically acceptable carrier" refers to a non-toxic solid, semisolid or liquid filler, diluent, encapsulating material or formulation auxiliary of any type. The term "parenteral" as used herein refers to modes of administration which include intravenous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intrasternal, subcutaneous and intraarticular injection and infusion.

The polypeptide or other compound is also suitably administered by sustained-release systems. Suitable

25 examples of sustained-release compositions include semipermeable polymer matrices in the form of shaped articles, e. g., films, or microcapsules. Sustained-release matrices include polylactides (U.S. Patent 3,773,919 and EP 58481), copolymers of L-glutamic acid and gamma-ethyl-L-30 glutamate (Sidman, U. et al., Biopolymers 22: 547-556 (1983)), poly (2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate) (R. Langer et al., J. Biomed. Mater. Res. 15: 167-277 (1981), and R. Langer, Chem. Tech. 12: 98-105 (1982)), ethylene vinyl acetate (R. Langer et al.) and poly-D- (-)-3-hydroxybutyric acid (EP 133,988). Sustained-release compositions also

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include liposomally entrapped polypeptides. Liposomes containing the polypeptide or other compound are prepared by well known methods (Epstein et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 82: 3688-3692 (1985); Hwang et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 77: 4030-4034 (1980); EP 52322; EP 36676; EP 88046; EP 143949; EP 142641; Japanese Pat. Appl. 83-118008; U.S. Patent 4,485,045 and 4,544,545; and EP 102324). Ordinarily, the liposomes are of the small (about 200-800 Angstroms) unilamellar type in which the lipid content is greater than about 30 mol. percent cholesterol, the selected proportion being adjusted for the optimal therapy.

For parenteral administration, in one embodiment, the polypeptide or other compound is formulated generally by mixing it at the desired degree of purity, in a unit dosage injectable form (solution, suspension, or emulsion), with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, i.e., one that is nontoxic to recipients at the dosages and concentrations employed and is compatible with other ingredients of the formulation.

For example, the formulation preferably does not include oxidizing agents and other compounds that are known to be deleterious to the polypeptide or other compound.

Generally, the formulations are prepared by contacting the polypeptide or other compound uniformly and intimately with liquid carriers or finely divided solid carriers or both. Then, if necessary, the product is shaped into the desired formulation. Preferably the carrier is a parenteral carrier, more preferably a solution that is isotonic with the blood of the recipient. Examples of such carrier vehicles include water, saline, Ringer's solution, and dextrose solution. Non-aqueous vehicles such as fixed oils and ethyl oleate are also useful herein, as well as liposomes.

The carrier suitably contains minor amounts of additives such as substances that enhance isotonicity and

chemical stability. Such materials are non-toxic to recipients at the dosages and concentrations employed, and include buffers such as phosphate, citrate, succinate, acetic acid, and other organic acids or their salts; 5 antioxidants such as ascorbic acid; low molecular weight (less than about ten residues) polypeptides, e.g., polyarginine or tripeptides; proteins, such as serum albumin, gelatin, or immunoglobulins; hydrophilic polymers such as polyvinylpyrrolidone; amino acids, such as glycine, 10 glutamic acid, aspartic acid, or arginine; monosaccharides, disaccharides, and other carbohydrates including cellulose or its derivatives, glucose, mannose, or dextrins; chelating agents such as EDTA; sugar alcohols such as mannitol or sorbitol; counterions such as sodium; and/or 15 nonionic surfactants such as polysorbates, poloxamers, or PEG.

The polypeptide or other compound is typically formulated in such vehicles at a concentration of about 0.1 mg/ml to 100 mg/ml, preferably 1-10 mg/ml, at a pH of about 3 to 8. It will be understood that the use of certain of the foregoing excipients, carriers, or stabilizers will result in the formation of polypeptide salts or salts of the other compounds.

Any polypeptide to be used for therapeutic

25 administration should be sterile. Sterility is readily accomplished by filtration through sterile filtration membranes (e. g., 0.2 micron membranes). Therapeutic polypeptide compositions generally are placed into a container having a sterile access port, for example, an intravenous solution bag or vial having a stopper pierceable by a hypodermic injection needle.

Polypeptides ordinarily will be stored in unit or multi-dose containers, for example, sealed ampules or vials, as an aqueous solution or as a lyophilized

35 formulation for reconstitution. As an example of a

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lyophilized formulation, 10-ml vials are filled with 5 ml of sterile-filtered 1 % (w/v) aqueous polypeptide solution, and the resulting mixture is lyophilized. The infusion solution is prepared by reconstituting the lyophilized polypeptide using bacteriostatic Water-for-Injection.

Kits

The invention further relates to pharmaceutical packs and kits comprising one or more containers filled with one or more of the ingredients of the aforementioned

10 compositions of the invention. Associated with such container(s) can be a notice in the form prescribed by a governmental agency regulating the manufacture, use or sale of pharmaceuticals or biological products, reflecting approval by the agency of the manufacture, use or sale of the product for human administration.

Administration

LSG polypeptides or polynucleotides or other compounds, preferably agonists or antagonists thereof of the present invention may be employed alone or in conjunction with other compounds, such as therapeutic compounds.

The pharmaceutical compositions may be administered in any effective, convenient manner including, for instance, administration by topical, oral, anal, vaginal, intravenous, intraperitoneal, intramuscular, subcutaneous, intranasal or intradermal routes among others.

The pharmaceutical compositions generally are administered in an amount effective for treatment or prophylaxis of a specific indication or indications. In general, the compositions are administered in an amount of at least about 10 μ g/kg body weight. However, it will be appreciated that optimum dosage will be determined by standard methods for each treatment modality and indication, taking into account the indication, its

severity, route of administration, complicating conditions and the like.

It will be appreciated that conditions caused by a decrease in the standard or normal expression level of a 5 LSG polypeptide in an individual can be treated by administering the LSG polypeptide of the present invention, preferably in the secreted form, or an agonist thereof. Thus, the invention also provides a method of treatment of an individual in need of an increased level of a LSG 10 polypeptide comprising administering to such an individual a pharmaceutical composition comprising an amount of the LSG polypeptide or an agonist thereof to increase the activity level of the LSG polypeptide in such an individual. For example, a patient with decreased levels 15 of a LSG polypeptide may receive a daily dose 0.1-100 $\mu g/kg$ of a LSG polypeptide or agonist thereof for six consecutive days. Preferably, if a LSG polypeptide is administered it is in the secreted form.

Compositions of the present invention can also be 20 administered to treating increased levels of a LSG polypeptide. For example, antisense technology can be used to inhibit production of a LSG polypeptide of the present invention. This technology is one example of a method of decreasing levels of a polypeptide, preferably a secreted 25 form, due to a variety of etiologies, such as cancer. A patient diagnosed with abnormally increased levels of a polypeptide can be administered intravenously antisense polynucleotides at 0.5, 1.0, 1.5, 2.0 and 3.0 mg/kg day for This treatment is preferably repeated after a 7-21 days. 30 day rest period if the treatment was well tolerated. Compositions comprising an antagonist of a LSG polypeptide can also be administered to decrease levels of LSG in a patient.

Gene therapy

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The LSG polynucleotides, polypeptides, agonists and antagonists that are polypeptides may be employed in accordance with the present invention by expression of such polypeptides in vivo, in treatment modalities often 5 referred to as "gene therapy."

Thus, for example, cells from a patient may be engineered with a polynucleotide, such as a DNA or RNA, encoding a polypeptide ex vivo, and the engineered cells then can be provided to a patient to be treated with the 10 polypeptide. For example, cells may be engineered ex vivo by the use of a retroviral plasmid vector containing RNA encoding a polypeptide of the present invention. Such methods are well-known in the art and their use in the present invention will be apparent from the teachings 15 herein.

Similarly, cells may be engineered in vivo for expression of a polypeptide in vivo by procedures known in the art. For example, a polynucleotide of the invention may be engineered for expression in a replication defective 20 retroviral vector, as discussed supra. The retroviral expression construct then may be isolated and introduced into a packaging cell transduced with a retroviral plasmid vector containing RNA encoding a polypeptide of the present invention such that the packaging cell now produces 25 infectious viral particles containing the gene of interest. These producer cells may be administered to a patient for engineering cells in vivo and expression of the polypeptide in vivo. These and other methods for administering a polypeptide of the present invention would be apparent to 30 those skilled in the art upon reading the instant application.

Retroviruses from which the retroviral plasmid vectors herein above mentioned may be derived include, but are not limited to, Moloney Murine Leukemia Virus, spleen necrosis virus, retroviruses such as Rous Sarcoma Virus,

Harvey Sarcoma Virus, avian leukosis virus, gibbon ape leukemia virus, human immunodeficiency virus, adenovirus, Myeloproliferative Sarcoma Virus, and mammary tumor virus. In one embodiment, the retroviral plasmid vector is derived from Moloney Murine Leukemia Virus.

Such vectors will include one or more promoters for expressing the polypeptide. The selection of a suitable promoter will be apparent to those skilled in the art from the teachings contained herein. However, examples of 10 suitable promoters which may be employed include, but are not limited to, the retroviral LTR, the SV40 promoter, the human cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter described in Miller et al., Biotechniques 7: 980-990 (1989), and eukaryotic cellular promoters such as the histone, RNA polymerase III, 15 and beta-actin promoters. Other viral promoters which may be employed include, but are not limited to, adenovirus promoters, thymidine kinase (TK) promoters, and B19 parvovirus promoters. Additional promoters which may be used include respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) promoter, 20 inducible promoters such as the MMT promoter, the metallothionein promoter, heat shock promoters, the albumin promoter, the ApoAI promoter, human globin promoters, viral thymidine kinase promoters such as the Herpes Simplex thymidine kinase promoter, retroviral LTRs, the beta-actin 25 promoter, and human growth hormone promoters. The promoter also may be the native promoter which controls the gene encoding the polypeptide.

The nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of the present invention will be placed under the control of a suitable promoter.

In one embodiment, the retroviral plasmid vector is employed to transduce packaging cell lines to form producer cell lines. Examples of packaging cells which may be transfected include, but are not limited to, the PE501, PA317, Y-2, Y-AM, PA12, T19-14X, VT-19-17-H2, YCRE, YCRIP,

GP+E-86, GP+envAml2, and DAN cell lines as described in Miller, A., Human Gene Therapy 1: 5-14 (1990). The vector may be transduced into the packaging cells through any means known in the art. Such means include, but are not 5 limited to, electroporation, the use of liposomes, and CaPO₄ precipitation. Alternatively, the retroviral plasmid vector may be encapsulated into a liposome, or coupled to a lipid, and then administered to a host. The producer cell line will generate infectious retroviral vector particles 10 which are inclusive of the nucleic acid sequence(s) encoding the polypeptides. Such retroviral vector particles then may be employed to transduce eukaryotic cells, either in vitro or in vivo. The transduced eukaryotic cells will express the nucleic acid sequence(s) 15 encoding the polypeptide. Eukaryotic cells which may be transduced include, but are not limited to, embryonic stem cells, embryonic carcinoma cells, as well as hematopoietic stem cells, hepatocytes, fibroblasts, myoblasts, keratinocytes, endothelial cells, and bronchial epithelial 20 cells.

An exemplary method of gene therapy involves transplantation of fibroblasts which are capable of expressing a LSG polypeptide or an agonist or antagonist thereof onto a patient. Generally fibroblasts are obtained from a subject by skin biopsy. The resulting tissue is placed in tissue-culture medium and separated into small pieces. Small chunks of the tissue are placed on a wet surface of a tissue culture flask, approximately ten pieces are placed in each flask. The flask is turned upside down, closed tight and left at room temperature over night. After 24 hours at room temperature, the flask is inverted and the chunks of tissue remain fixed to the bottom of the flask and fresh media (e.g., Ham's F12 media, with 10% FBS, penicillin and streptomycin) is added. The flasks are then incubated at 37°C for approximately one week. At this

time, fresh media is added and subsequently changed every several days. After an additional two weeks in culture, a monolayer of fibroblasts emerge. The monolayer is trypsinized and scaled into larger flasks. 5 (Kirschmeier, P. T. et al., DNA, 7: 219-25 (1988)), flanked by the long terminal repeats of the Moloney murine sarcoma virus, is digested with EcoRI and HindIII and subsequently treated with calf intestinal phosphatase. The linear vector is fractionated on agarose gel and purified, using 10 glass beads. The cDNA encoding a LSG polypeptide of the present invention or an agonist or antagonist thereof can be amplified using PCR primers which correspond to their 5' and 3' end sequences respectively. Preferably, the 5' primer contains an EcoRI site and the 3' primer includes a 15 HindIII site. Equal quantities of the Moloney murine sarcoma virus linear backbone and the amplified EcoRI and HindIII fragment are added together in the presence of T4 DNA ligase. The resulting mixture is maintained under conditions appropriate for ligation of the two fragments. 20 The ligation mixture is then used to transform bacteria HB 101, which are then plated onto agar containing kanamycin for the purpose of confirming that the vector has the gene of interest properly inserted. Amphotropic pA317 or GP+aml2 packaging cells are grown in tissue culture to 25 confluent density in Dulbecco's Modified Eagles Medium (DMEM) with 10% calf serum (CS), penicillin and streptomycin. The MSV vector containing the gene is then added to the media and the packaging cells transduced with the vector. The packaging cells now produce infectious 30 viral particles containing the gene (the packaging cells are now referred to as producer cells). Fresh media is added to the transduced producer cells, and subsequently, the media is harvested from a 10 cm plate of confluent producer cells. The spent media, containing the infectious

35 viral particles, is filtered through a millipore filter to

remove detached producer cells and this media is then used to infect fibroblast cells. Media is removed from a subconfluent plate of fibroblasts and quickly replaced with the media from the producer cells. This media is removed and replaced with fresh media. If the titer of virus is high, then virtually all fibroblasts will be infected and no selection is required. If the titer is very low, then it is necessary to use a retroviral vector that has a selectable marker, such as neo or his. Once the fibroblasts have been efficiently infected, the fibroblasts are analyzed to determine whether protein is produced. The engineered fibroblasts are then transplanted onto the host, either alone or after having been grown to confluence on cytodex 3 microcarrier beads.

15 Alternatively, in vivo gene therapy methods can be used to treat LSG related disorders, diseases and conditions. Gene therapy methods relate to the introduction of naked nucleic acid (DNA, RNA, and antisense DNA or RNA) sequences into an animal to increase or decrease the expression of the polypeptide.

For example, a LSG polynucleotide of the present invention or a nucleic acid sequence encoding an agonist or antagonist thereto may be operatively linked to a promoter or any other genetic elements necessary for the expression of the polypeptide by the target tissue. Such gene therapy and delivery techniques and methods are known in the art, see, for example, W0 90/11092, W0 98/11779; U.S. Patents 5,693,622, 5,705,151, and 5,580,859; Tabata H. et al. (1997) Cardiovasc. Res. 35 (3): 470-479, Chao J et al. (1997) Pharmacol. Res. 35 (6): 517-522, Wolff J. A. (1997) Neuromuscul. Disord. 7 (5): 314-318, Schwartz B. et al. (1996) Gene Ther. 3 (5): 405-411, Tsurumi Y. et al. (1996) Circulation 94 (12): 3281-3290 (incorporated herein by reference). The polynucleotide constructs may be delivered by any method that delivers injectable materials to the

cells of an animal, such as, injection into the interstitial space of tissues (heart, muscle, skin, lung, liver, intestine and the like). The polynucleotide constructs can be delivered in a pharmaceutically acceptable liquid or aqueous carrier.

The term "naked" polynucleotide, DNA or RNA, refers to sequences that are free from any delivery vehicle that acts to assist, promote, or facilitate entry into the cell, including viral sequences, viral particles, liposome

10 formulations, lipofectin or precipitating agents and the like. However, polynucleotides may also be delivered in liposome formulations (such as those taught in Felgner P. L. et al. (1995) Ann. NY Acad. Sci. 772: 126-139 and Abdallah B. et al. (1995) Biol. Cell 85 (1): 1-7) which can be prepared by methods well known to those skilled in the art.

The polynucleotide vector constructs used in the gene therapy method are preferably constructs that will not integrate into the host genome nor will they contain

20 sequences that allow for replication. Any strong promoter known to those skilled in the art can be used for driving the expression of DNA. Unlike other gene therapies techniques, one major advantage of introducing naked nucleic acid sequences into target cells is the transitory nature of the polynucleotide synthesis in the cells. Studies have shown that non-replicating DNA sequences can be introduced into cells to provide production of the desired polypeptide for periods of up to six months.

The polynucleotide construct can be delivered to the
interstitial space of tissues within the an animal,
including of muscle, skin, brain, lung, liver, spleen, bone
marrow, thymus, heart, lymph, blood, bone, cartilage,
pancreas, kidney, gall bladder, stomach, intestine, testis,
ovary, uterus, rectum, nervous system, eye, gland, and
connective tissue. Interstitial space of the tissues

comprises the intercellular fluid, mucopolysaccharide matrix among the reticular fibers of organ tissues, elastic fibers in the walls of vessels or chambers, collagen fibers of fibrous tissues, or that same matrix within connective 5 tissue ensheathing muscle cells or in the lacunae of bone. It is similarly the space occupied by the plasma of the circulation and the lymph fluid of the lymphatic channels. Delivery to the interstitial space of muscle tissue is preferred. The polynucleotide construct may be 10 conveniently delivered by injection into the tissues comprising these cells. They are preferably delivered to and expressed in persistent, non-dividing cells which are differentiated, although delivery and expression may be achieved in non-differentiated or less completely 15 differentiated cells, such as, for example, stem cells of blood or skin fibroblasts. In vivo muscle cells are particularly competent in their ability to take up and express polynucleotides.

For the naked polynucleotide injection, an effective 20 dosage amount of DNA or RNA will be in the range of from about 0.05 μ g/kg body weight to about 50 mg/kg body weight. Preferably the dosage will be from about 0.005 mg/kg to about 20 mg/kg and more preferably from about 0.05 mg/kg to about 5 mg/kg. Of course, as the artisan of ordinary skill 25 will appreciate, this dosage will vary according to the tissue site of injection. The appropriate and effective dosage of nucleic acid sequence can readily be determined by those of ordinary skill in the art and may depend on the condition being treated and the route of administration. 30 The preferred route of administration is by the parenteral route of injection into the interstitial space of tissues. However, other parenteral routes may also be used, such as, inhalation of an aerosol formulation particularly for delivery to lungs or bronchial tissues, throat or mucous In addition, naked polynucleotide 35 membranes of the nose.

constructs can be delivered to arteries during angioplasty by the catheter used in the procedure.

The dose response effects of injected polynucleotide in muscle in vivo is determined as follows. Suitable template DNA for production of mRNA coding for polypeptide of the present invention is prepared in accordance with a standard recombinant DNA methodology. The template DNA, which may be either circular or linear, is either used as naked DNA or complexed with liposomes. The quadriceps muscles of mice are then injected with various amounts of the template DNA.

Five to six week old female and male Balb/C mice are anesthetized by intraperitoneal injection with 0.3 ml of 2.5% Avertin. A 1.5 cm incision is made on the anterior thigh, and the quadriceps muscle is directly visualized. The template DNA is injected in 0.1 ml of carrier in a 1 cc syringe through a 27 gauge needle over one minute, approximately 0.5 cm from the distal insertion site of the muscle into the knee and about 0.2 cm deep. A suture is placed over the injection site for future localization, and the skin is closed with stainless steel clips.

After an appropriate incubation time (e.g., 7 days) muscle extracts are prepared by excising the entire quadriceps. Every fifth 15 μm cross-section of the individual quadriceps muscles is histochemically stained for protein expression. A time course for protein expression may be done in a similar fashion except that quadriceps from different mice are harvested at different times. Persistence of DNA in muscle following injection may be determined by Southern blot analysis after preparing total cellular DNA and HIRT supernatants from injected and control mice.

The results of the above experimentation in mice can be use to extrapolate proper dosages and other treatment parameters in humans and other animals using naked DNA.

Nonhuman Transgenic Animals

The LSG polypeptides of the invention can also be expressed in nonhuman transgenic animals. Nonhuman animals of any species, including, but not limited to, mice, rats, 5 rabbits, hamsters, guinea pigs, pigs, micro-pigs, goats, sheep, cows and non-human primates, e. g., baboons, monkeys, and chimpanzees, may be used to generate transgenic animals. Any technique known in the art may be used to introduce the transgene (I. e., polynucleotides of 10 the invention) into animals to produce the founder lines of transgenic animals. Such techniques include, but are not limited to, pronuclear microinjection (Paterson et al., Appl. Microbiol. Biotechnol. 40: 691-698 (1994); Carver et al., Biotechnology (NY) 11: 1263-1270 (1993); Wright et 15 al., Biotechnology (NY) 9: 830-834 (1991); and Hoppe et al., U.S. Patent 4,873,191); retrovirus mediated gene transfer into germ lines (Van der Putten et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci., USA 82: 6148-6152 (1985)), blastocysts or embryos; gene targeting in embryonic stem cells (Thompson 20 et al., Cell 56: 313-321 (1989)); electroporation of cells or embryos (Lo, 1983, Mol. Cell. Biol. 3: 1803-1814 (1983)); introduction of the polynucleotides of the invention using a gene gun (see, e.g., Ulmer et al., Science 259: 1745 (1993); introducing nucleic acid 25 constructs into embryonic pluripotent stem cells and transferring the stem cells back into the blastocyst; and sperm mediated gene transfer (Lavitrano et al., Cell 57: 717-723 (1989)). For a review of such techniques, see Gordon, "Transgenic Animals," Intl. Rev. Cytol. 115: 171-229 30 (1989), which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Any technique known in the art may be used to produce transgenic clones containing polynucleotides of the invention, for example, nuclear transfer into enucleated occytes of nuclei from cultured embryonic, fetal, or adult

art.

cells induced to quiescence (Campell et al., Nature 380: 64-66 (1996); Wilmut et al., Nature 385: 810813 (1997)).

The present invention provides for transgenic animals that carry the transgene in all their cells, as well as 5 animals which carry the transgene in some, but not all their cells, i.e., mosaic or chimeric animals. transgene may be integrated as a single transgene or as multiple copies such as in concatamers, e. g., head-to-head tandems or head-to-tail tandems. The transgene may also be 10 selectively introduced into and activated in a particular cell type by following, for example, the teaching of Lasko et al. (Lasko et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 89: 6232-6236 (1992)). The regulatory sequences required for such a cell-type specific activation will depend upon the 15 particular cell type of interest, and will be apparent to those of skill in the art. When it is desired that the polynucleotide transgene be integrated into the chromosomal site of the endogenous gene, gene targeting is preferred. Briefly, when such a technique is to be utilized, vectors 20 containing some nucleotide sequences homologous to the endogenous gene are designed for the purpose of integrating, via homologous recombination with chromosomal sequences, into and disrupting the function of the nucleotide sequence of the endogenous gene. The transgene 25 may also be selectively introduced into a particular cell type, thus inactivating the endogenous gene in only that cell type, by following, for example, the teaching of Gu et al. (Science 265: 103-106 (1994)). The regulatory sequences required for such a cell-type specific 30 inactivation will depend upon the particular cell type of interest, and will be apparent to those of skill in the

Once transgenic animals have been generated, the expression of the recombinant gene may be assayed utilizing standard techniques. Initial screening may be accomplished

by Southern blot analysis or PCR techniques to analyze animal tissues to verify that integration of the transgene has taken place. The level of mRNA expression of the transgene in the tissues of the transgenic animals may also be assessed using techniques which include, but are not limited to, Northern blot analysis of tissue samples obtained from the animal, in situ hybridization analysis, and reverse transcriptase-PCR (rt-PCR). Samples of transgenic gene-expressing tissue may also be evaluated immunocytochemically or immunohistochemically using antibodies specific for the transgene product.

Once the founder animals are produced, they may be bred, inbred, outbred, or crossbred to produce colonies of the particular animal. Examples of such breeding 15 strategies include, but are not limited to: outbreeding of founder animals with more than one integration site in order to establish separate lines; inbreeding of separate lines in order to produce compound transgenics that express the transgene at higher levels because of the effects of 20 additive expression of each transgene; crossing of heterozygous transgenic animals to produce animals homozygous for a given integration site in order to both augment expression and eliminate the need for screening of animals by DNA analysis; crossing of separate homozygous 25 lines to produce compound heterozygous or homozygous lines; and breeding to place the transgene on a distinct background that is appropriate for an experimental model of interest.

Transgenic animals of the invention have uses which include, but are not limited to, animal model systems useful in elaborating the biological function of LSG polypeptides of the present invention, studying conditions and/or disorders associated with aberrant expression of LSGs, and in screening for compounds effective in

ameliorating such LSG associated conditions and/or disorders.

Knock-Out Animals

Endogenous gene expression can also be reduced by 5 inactivating or "knocking out" the gene and/or its promoter using targeted homologous recombination (e. g., see Smithies et al., Nature 317: 230-234 (1985); Thomas & Capecchi, Cell 51: 503512 (1987); Thompson et al., Cell 5: 313-321 (1989); each of which is incorporated by reference 10 herein in its entirety). For example, a mutant, nonfunctional LSG polynucleotide of the invention (or a completely unrelated DNA sequence) flanked by DNA homologous to the endogenous LSG polynucleotide sequence (either the coding regions or regulatory regions of the 15 gene) can be used, with or without a selectable marker and/or a negative selectable marker, to transfect cells that express polypeptides of the invention in vivo. another embodiment, techniques known in the art are used to generate knockouts in cells that contain, but do not 20 express the gene of interest. Insertion of the DNA construct, via targeted homologous recombination, results in inactivation of the targeted gene. Such approaches are particularly suited in research and agricultural fields where modifications to embryonic stem cells can be used to 25 generate animal offspring with an inactive targeted gene (e.g., see Thomas & Capecchi 1987 and Thompson 1989, supra). This approach can also be routinely adapted for use in humans provided the recombinant DNA constructs are directly administered or targeted to the required site in 30 vivo using appropriate viral vectors that will be apparent to those of skill in the art.

In further embodiments of the invention, cells that are genetically engineered to express the LSG polypeptides of the invention, or alternatively, that are genetically engineered not to express the LSG polypeptides of the

invention (e. q., knockouts) are administered to a patient in vivo. Such cells may be obtained from the patient or a MHC compatible donor and can include, but are not limited to, fibroblasts, bone marrow cells, blood cells (e.g., 5 lymphocytes), adipocytes, muscle cells, and endothelial cells. The cells are genetically engineered in vitro using recombinant DNA techniques to introduce the coding sequence of polypeptides of the invention into the cells, or alternatively, to disrupt the coding sequence and/or 10 endogenous regulatory sequence associated with the polypeptides of the invention, e.g., by transduction (using viral vectors, and preferably vectors that integrate the transgene into the cell genome) or transfection procedures, including, but not limited to, the use of 15 plasmids, cosmids, YACs, naked DNA, electroporation, liposomes, etc.

The coding sequence of the LSG polypeptides of the invention can be placed under the control of a strong constitutive or inducible promoter or promoter/enhancer to 20 achieve expression, and preferably secretion, of the LSG polypeptides of the invention. The engineered cells which express and preferably secrete the LSG polypeptides of the invention can be introduced into the patient systemically, e.g., in the circulation, or intraperitoneally.

Alternatively, the cells can be incorporated into a matrix and implanted in the body, e.g., genetically engineered fibroblasts can be implanted as part of a skin graft or genetically engineered endothelial cells can be implanted as part of a lymphatic or vascular graft (see, 30 for example, U.S. Patent 5,399,349 and U.S. Patent 5,460,959 each of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety).

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When the cells to be administered are non-autologous or non-MHC compatible cells, they can be administered using 35 well known techniques which prevent the development of a

host immune response against the introduced cells. For example, the cells may be introduced in an encapsulated form which, while allowing for an exchange of components with the immediate extracellular environment, does not allow the introduced cells to be recognized by the host immune system.

Transgenic and "knock-out" animals of the invention have uses which include, but are not limited to, animal model systems useful in elaborating the biological function of LSG polypeptides of the present invention, studying conditions and/or disorders associated with aberrant LSG expression, and in screening for compounds effective in ameliorating such LSG associated conditions and/or disorders.

The following nonlimiting example is provided to further illustrate the present invention.

EXAMPLE

The following Example is carried out using standard techniques, which are well known and routine to those of skill in the art, except where otherwise described in detail. Routine molecular biology techniques of the following example can be carried out as described in standard laboratory manuals, such as Sambrook et al., MOLECULAR CLONING: A LABORATORY MANUAL, 2nd Ed.; Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. (1989).

Introduction and background for Microarray analysis

cDNA microarrays are prepared by high-speed robotic printing of thousands of distinct cDNAs in an ordered array 30 on glass microscope slides. They are used to measure the relative abundance of specific sequences in two complex samples (Schena et al, 1995; Shalon et al, 1996).

In the microarray procedure, mRNA is isolated from tissues of interest, either from a tumor or control (normal or normal adjacent tissue). mRNA (200-600 ng) from cancer tissue or control is reverse transcribed to incorporate the 5 fluorescent nucleotides Cy5 (red) or Cy3 (green), respectively. The two populations of fluorescently labeled cDNA are mixed together and hybridized simultaneously to a microarray bearing approximately 10,000 cDNA elements in a 2cm x 2cm area on a glass slide (Microarrays hybridization 10 service: Incyte Genomics, Fremont, CA, USA). After hybridization, the slides are scanned with a scanning laser confocal microscope.

The scanned image is used to generate the intensity and local background measurements for each spot on the 15 array (GEMtools software, Incyte Genomics). For each spot, representing one EST, the ratio of the normalized Cy5/Cy3 intensities generates a quantitation of the gene's expression in one tissue relative to the control, in this case, the expression in cancer tissue versus either normal 20 or normal adjacent tissue. For example, a gene that shows a Cancer-Cy5 intensity of 3000 and a Normal-Cy3 intensity of 1000 is expressed 3-fold more in cancer tissue. Advanced analysis software is used to sort and decipher patterns of gene expression from the data (Cluster and 25 Treeview programs, Stanford University; Eisen et al, 1998; Alizadeh et al, 2000). However, the reproducibility study from Incyte shows that the level of detectable differential expression is calculated to be approximately plus or minus 1.74. Consequently, any elements with observed ratios 30 greater than or equal to 1.8 between cancer and normal are deemed differentially expressed.

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15 Lung diaDexus microarray candidates

Following is a list of "diaDexus microarray candidates" sequences for lung cancer, also referred to herein as lung specific genes or LSGs:

	Sequences	Gene ID/ Clone ID/ ddxid
20	1	1040286/ 2746236/ 18867
	2	198406/ 2639142/ 12801
	3	441298/ 1877647/ 8255
	4	244318/ 3032060/ 7048
	5	429368/ 2890670/ 4002
25	6	975386/ 289582/ 5018
	7	480710/ 1911471/ 12153
	8	1040699/ 1899557/ 13678
	9	1040383/ 1556335/ 3273
	10	108494/ 3130429/ 3126
30	11	331878/ 2445607/ 3070
	12	233442/ 1959959/ 18837
	13	255993/ 1670828/ 7873
	14	897843 / 1823610/ 16315
	15	414885/ 2655867/ 21009

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	16	1100375/ 690306/ x
	17	6133/ 3993331/ x
	18	257782/ 3032060A/ 7048A
	19	347005/ 1911471A/ 12153A
5	20	332710/ 3130429A/ 3126A
	21	255828/ 2445607A/ 3070A
	22	328565/ 3993331A/ x

Table 1 depicts numbers which are ratios indicating the levels of expression of the Clone IDs in the cancer tissue sample (labeled with Cy5) relative to the normal tissue, or the normal adjacent tissue control (labeled with Cy3) used in that experiment. The Cy5/Cy3 ratio of the normalized fluorescent intensities in each channel is used as a measure of relative gene expression. A positive number represents overexpression in cancer relative to the normal control. A negative number represents higher expression in the normal adjacent sample compared to the cancer tissue sample used in that experiment. X means no experiment was performed for the particular tissue sample.

20 Table 1:

CloneID

LN.A339

25	CloneID 2746236 2639142 1877647 3032060 2890670 289582	LN.A143 Vs. Apool 5.3 1.9 1.6 2.1 2.6 1.5	LN.A160 Vs. Apool 2.6 1.7 1.5 1.2 1.0 1.1	LN.A182 Vs. Apool 1.5 x x x 2.7
30	CloneID 2746236 2639142 1877647 3032060 2890670 289582	LN.A213 Vs. Apool 4.6 2.9 2 2.3 x 2.4	LN.A288 Vs. Apool 8.9 x x x 4.8 x	LN.A323 Vs. Apool 3.7 4.5 5.0 4.8 4.6 1.8

LN.A345

		Vs. Apool	Vs. Apool
	2746236	2.9	2.9
	2639142	1.7	1.2
	1877647	1.9	1.2
5	3032060	1.2	1.2
	2890670	2.4	1.9
	289582	2.4	1.9

Absolute values greater than or equal to 1.8 are considered to be above background levels, and are, therefore

- 10 significant (Source: Incyte Genomics: GEM microarray technical specifications). The relative levels of expression in Table 1 show that Clone ID 2746236 mRNA expression is higher than background in 7 of the cancer tissue samples out of a total of 8 experiments. Clone ID
- 15 2639142 mRNA expression is higher than background in 3 of the cancer tissue samples out of a total of 6 experiments. Clone ID 1877647 mRNA expression is higher than background in 3 of the cancer tissue samples out of a total of 6 experiments. Clone ID 3032060 mRNA expression is higher
- 20 than background in 3 of the cancer tissue samples out of a total of 6 experiments. Clone ID 2890670 mRNA expression is higher than background in 5 of the cancer tissue samples out of a total of 6 experiments. Clone ID 289582 mRNA expression is higher than background in 4 of the cancer
- 25 tissue samples out of a total of 6 experiments.

An additional 16 clones have also been identified by the same type of experiments. These additional clones all show from 30% to 80 % overexpression in cancer tissue samples. The sequences of these LSGs are also disclosed 30 herein.

Semi-quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction

Semi-quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (SQ-PCR) is a method that utilizes end point PCR on serial dilutions of cDNA samples in order to determine relative expression patterns of genes of interest in multiple samples. Using

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random hexamer primed Reverse Transcription (RT) cDNA
panels are created from total RNA samples. Gene specific
primers are then used to amplify fragments using Polymerase
Chain Reaction (PCR) technology from four 10x serial cDNA

dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression levels of 0,
1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene expression.
A positive reaction in the most dilute sample indicates the
highest relative expression value. This is determined by
analysis of the sample reactions on a 2-4% agarose gel.

The tissue samples used include 12 normal, 12 cancer and 6

10 The tissue samples used include 12 normal, 12 cancer and 6 pairs tissue specific cancer and matching samples.

Of the list of "diaDexus microarray candidates" sequences for lung cancer, the following sequences were analyzed by semi-quantitative PCR and found to be upregulated in lung adenocarcinoma/carcinoma.

	Example#	SEQ ID NO:	Gene ID	Clone ID	ddxid	SQlng code
	1	1	1040286	2746236	18867	Sqlng042
	2	3	441298	1877647	8255	Sqlng040
20	3	11	331878	2445607	3070	Sqlng046
	4	22	328565	3993331A	x	Sqlng050

Example 1 - SEQ ID NO:1

Semi quantitative PCR was done using the following primers:

- 25 Sqlng042 forward:
 - 5' CCAGAGCCCAAATCTTGTGAC 3' (SEQ ID NO:23)
 Sqclnq042 reverse:
 - 5' GCGGCTTTGTCTTGGCATTA 3' (SEQ ID NO:24)

Table 2 shows absolute numbers which are relative levels of
30 expression of Sqlng042 in 12 normal samples from 12
different tissues. These RNA samples are individual
samples or are commercially available pools, originated by
pooling samples of a particular tissue from different

individuals. Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology expression levels were analyzed from four 10x serial cDNA dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression levels of 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene expression. A positive reaction in the most dilute sample indicates the highest relative expression value.

Table 2:

	Tissue	Normal
	Breast	1000
10	Colon	1000
	Endometruim	1000
	Kidney	1000
	Liver	10
	Lung	1000
15	Ovary	1000
	Prostate	100
	Small Intestine	1000
	Stomach	1000
	Testis	1000
20	Uterus	100

Relative levels of expression in Table 2 show that normal breast, colon, endometrium, kidney, lung, ovary, small intestine, stomach and testis show high expression of Sqlng042. Moderate levels of expression are apparent in prostate and uterus. Low levels of expression are apparent in normal liver.

Table 3 shows absolute numbers which are relative levels of expression of Sqlng042 in 12 cancer samples from 12 different tissues. Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology expression levels were analyzed from four 10x serial cDNA dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression levels of 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene expression. A positive reaction in the most dilute sample indicates the highest relative expression value.

Table 3:

Tissue	Cancer
bladder	1000
breast	1000

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	colon	1000
	kidney	1
	liver	100
	lung	1000
5	ovary	1
	pancreas	1000
	prostate	10
	stomach	1000
	testes	1
10	uterus	1000

Relative levels of expression in Table 3 show that Sqlng042 is expressed in low levels in kidney, ovary, and testis carcinomas. Sqlng042 is expressed in high levels in other tissue carcinomas.

15 Table 4 shows absolute numbers which are relative levels of expression of Sqlng042 in 6 lung cancer matching samples. A matching pair is formed by mRNA from the cancer sample for a particular tissue and mRNA from the normal adjacent sample for that same tissue from the same

20 individual.

Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology expression levels were analyzed from four 10x serial cDNA dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression levels of 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene expression.

25 A positive reaction in the most dilute sample indicates the highest relative expression value

Table 4:

	Sample ID	Tissue	Cancer	NAT
	9702C115RB	lung	1	1
30	9502C032	lung	1000	1000
	8894A	lung	1	1000
	9704C060RA	lung	1	1
	11145B	lung	1	1000
	9502C109R	lung	1000	1000

35 Relative levels of expression in Table 4 show that Sqlng042 is expressed in high levels in two of the six lung cancer samples. However, high levels of expression was observed in the matching normal adjacent tissue (NAT).

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Example 2 - SEQ ID NO:3

Semi quantitative PCR was done using the following primers:

Sqlng040 forward:

- 5 5' ATTGCCATCCCAGTGACAGTG 3' (SEQ ID NO:25) Sqclng040 reverse:
 - 5' TTGGGAGATGTGGGTGATGAG 3' (SEQ ID NO:26)

expression of Sqlng040 in 12 normal samples from 12 10 different tissues. These RNA samples are individual samples or are commercially available pools, originated by pooling samples of a particular tissue from different individuals. Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology expression levels were analyzed from four 10x 15 serial cDNA dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression levels of 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene

expression. A positive reaction in the most dilute sample

indicates the highest relative expression value.

Table 5 shows absolute numbers which are relative levels of

Table 5:

20	Tissue	Normal
	Breast	0
	Colon	0
	Endometrium	1
	Kidney	0
25	Liver	0
	Lung	10
	Ovary	1
	Prostate	10
	Small Intestine	1
30	Stomach	1
	Testis	100
	Uterus	1

Relative levels of expression in Table 5 show that normal lung and prostate show moderate expression of Sqlng040.

35 High level expression is only apparent in testis. Low levels of expression are apparent in endometrium, ovary, small intestine and uterus.

Table 6 shows absolute numbers which are relative levels of expression of Sqlng040 in 12 cancer samples from 12 different tissues. Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology expression levels were analyzed from four 10x serial cDNA dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression levels of 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene expression. A positive reaction in the most dilute sample indicates the highest relative expression value.

10 Table 6:

	Tissue	Cancer
	bladder	0
	breast	10
	colon	0
15	kidney	10
	liver	0
	lung	100
	ovary	100
	pancreas	100
20	prostate	10
	stomach	10
	testes	10
	uterus	10

Relative levels of expression in Table 6 show that Sqlng040 25 is expressed in moderate to high levels in breast, kidney, lung, ovary, pancreas, prostate, stomach, testis and uterus carcinomas.

Table 7 shows absolute numbers which are relative
levels of expression of Sqlng040 in 6 lung cancer matching
samples. A matching pair is formed by mRNA from the cancer
sample for a particular tissue and mRNA from the normal
adjacent sample for that same tissue from the same
individual. Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)
technology expression levels were analyzed from four 10x
serial cDNA dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression
levels of 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene

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expression. A positive reaction in the most dilute sample indicates the highest relative expression value.

Table 7:

	Sample ID	Tissue	Cancer	NAT
5	9702C115RB	lung	100	10
	9502C032	lung	100	1
	8894A	lung	10	0
	9704C060RA	lung	10	10
	11145B	lung	10	100
10	9502C109R	lung	100	10

Relative levels of expression in Table 7 show that Sqlng040 is expressed in moderate levels in four of the six lung cancer samples compared with the expression in the matching normal adjacent tissue (NAT).

15 Example 3 - SEQ ID NO:11

Semi quantitative PCR was done using the following primers:

Sqlng046 forward:

5' CCTGCCCTGGTATGTTTTCTT 3' (SEQ ID NO:27)

20 Sqlng046 reverse:

5' CAGCCCACAAATGCCTTCTAC 3' (SEQ ID NO:28)

Table 8 shows absolute numbers which are relative levels of expression of Sqlng046 in 12 normal samples from 12 different tissues. These RNA samples are individual

- 25 samples or are commercially available pools, originated by pooling samples of a particular tissue from different individuals. Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology expression levels were analyzed from four 10x serial cDNA dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression
- levels of 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene expression. A positive reaction in the most dilute sample indicates the highest relative expression value.

Table 8:

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Tissue Normal Breast 0

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		- 103 -
	Colon	10
	Endometrium	1
	Kidney	10
	Liver	1
5	Lung	10
	Ovary	10
	Prostate	0
	Small Intestine	0
	Stomach	0
10	Testis	10
	Uterus	1

Relative levels of expression in Table 8 show that normal colon, kidney, lung, and ovary show moderate expression of Sqlng046. Low levels of expression are apparent in endometrium and liver. No expression is apparent in other tissues.

Table 9 shows absolute numbers which are relative levels of expression of Sqlng046 in 12 cancer samples from 12 different tissues. Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology expression levels were analyzed from four 10x serial cDNA dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression levels of 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene expression. A positive reaction in the most dilute sample indicates the highest relative expression 25 value.

Table 9:

	Tissue	Cancer
	bladder	1
	breast	1
30	colon	0
	kidney	1
	liver	1
	lung	0
	ovary	0
35	pancreas	10
	prostate	0
	stomach	1
	testes	1 .
	uterus	1

40 Relative levels of expression in Table 9 show that Sqlng046 is expressed in low levels in bladder, breast, kidney,

liver, stomach, testis and uterus carcinomas. Sqlng046 is expressed in moderate levels only in pancreatic carcinoma.

Table 10 shows absolute numbers which are relative levels of expression of Sqlng046 in 6 lung cancer matching samples. A matching pair is formed by mRNA from the cancer sample for a particular tissue and mRNA from the normal adjacent sample for that same tissue from the same individual. Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology expression levels were analyzed from four 10x serial cDNA dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression levels of 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene expression. A positive reaction in the most dilute sample indicates the highest relative expression value.

Table 10:

15	Sample ID	Tissue	Cancer	NAT
	9702C115RB	lung	10	10
	9502C032	lung	100	100
	8894A	lung	10	1
	9704C060RA	lung	10	10
20	11145B	lung	1	10
	9502C109R	lung	100	1

Relative levels of expression in Table 10 show that Sqlng046 is expressed in higher levels in two of the six lung cancer samples compared with the expression in matching normal adjacent tissue (NAT).

Example 4 - SEQ ID NO:22

Semi quantitative PCR was done using the following primers:

Sqlng050 forward:

- 30 5' CCACTAGGATTATTTCCAGCATAA 3' (SEQ ID NO:29) Sqclng050 reverse:
 - 5' GGTGTGAAAATATCTGGTCCACTT 3' (SEQ ID NO:30)

Table 12 shows absolute numbers which are relative levels of expression of Sqlng050 in 12 normal samples from

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12 different tissues. These RNA samples are individual samples or are commercially available pools, originated by pooling samples of a particular tissue from different individuals. Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

5 technology expression levels were analyzed from four 10x serial cDNA dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression levels of 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene expression. A positive reaction in the most dilute sample indicates the highest relative expression value.

10 Table 12:

value.

Tissue	Normal
Breast	100
Colon	1000
Endometrium	100
Kidney	100
Liver	100
Lung	100
Ovary	1000
Prostate	1000
Small Intestine	100
Stomach	100
Testis	10
Uterus	100
	Breast Colon Endometrium Kidney Liver Lung Ovary Prostate Small Intestine Stomach Testis

Relative levels of expression in Table 12 show that normal colon, ovary, and prostate show high expression of sqlng050. Moderate levels of expression are apparent in breast, endometrium, kidney, liver, lung, small intestine, stomach and uterus. Low levels of expression are apparent in normal testis

Table 13 shows absolute numbers which are relative levels of expression of Sqlng050 in 12 cancer samples from 12 different tissues. Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technology expression levels were analyzed from four 10x serial cDNA dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression levels of 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene expression. A positive reaction in the most dilute sample indicates the highest relative expression

Table 13:

	Tissue	Cancer
	bladder	10
	breast	100
5	colon	100
	kidney	10
	liver	100
	lung	100
	ovary	100
10	pancreas	100
	prostate	100
	stomach	100
	testes	100
	uterus	1000

15 Relative levels of expression in Table 13 show that Sqlng050 is expressed in low to moderate levels in 11 out of 12 different tissue carcinomas. Sqlng050 is only expressed in high level in uterus carcinoma.

Table 14 shows absolute numbers which are relative
20 levels of expression of Sqlng050 in 6 lung cancer matching
samples. A matching pair is formed by mRNA from the cancer
sample for a particular tissue and mRNA from the normal
adjacent sample for that same tissue from the same
individual. Using Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR)

technology expression levels were analyzed from four 10x serial cDNA dilutions in duplicate. Relative expression levels of 0, 1, 10, 100 and 1000 are used to evaluate gene expression. A positive reaction in the most dilute sample indicates the highest relative expression value.

30 Table 14:

	Sample ID	Tissue	Cancer	NAT
	9702C115RB	lung	100	100
	9502C032	lung	1000	1000
	8894A	lung	100	1
35		lung	100	10
	11145B	lung	100	1000
	9502C109R	lung	100	10

Relative levels of expression in Table 14 show that Sqlng050 is expressed in higher levels in three of the six

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lung cancer samples compared to the expression level in the matching normal adjacent tissue (NAT).

Relative Quantitation of Gene Expression

Real-Time quantitative PCR with fluorescent Taqman

5 probes is a quantitation detection system utilizing the 5'3' nuclease activity of Taq DNA polymerase. The method
uses an internal fluorescent oligonucleotide probe (Taqman)
labeled with a 5' reporter dye and a downstream, 3'
quencher dye. During PCR, the 5'-3' nuclease activity of

10 Taq DNA polymerase releases the reporter, whose
fluorescence can then be detected by the laser detector of
the Model 7700 Sequence Detection System (PE Applied
Biosystems, Foster City, CA, USA).

Amplification of an endogenous control is used to

standardize the amount of sample RNA added to the reaction
and normalize for Reverse Transcriptase (RT) efficiency.

Either cyclophilin, glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate
dehydrogenase (GAPDH) or 18S ribosomal RNA (rRNA) is used
as this endogenous control. To calculate relative

quantitation between all the samples studied, the target
RNA levels for one sample were used as the basis for
comparative results (calibrator). Quantitation relative to
the "calibrator" can be obtained using the standard curve
method or the comparative method (User Bulletin #2: ABI

PRISM 7700 Sequence Detection System).

The tissue distribution and the level of the target gene were examined for every example in normal and cancer tissue. Total RNA was extracted from normal tissues, cancer tissues, and from cancers and the corresponding matched adjacent tissues. Subsequently, first strand cDNA was prepared with reverse transcriptase and the polymerase chain reaction was done using primers and Taqman probe specific to each target gene. The results are analyzed using the ABI PRISM 7700 Sequence Detector. The absolute

numbers are relative levels of expression of the target gene in a particular tissue compared to the calibrator tissue.

Example 1 - SEQ ID NO: 3

Table 15 shows absolute numbers which are relative levels of expression of the LSG of SEQ ID NO:3 in 24 normal different tissues. All the values are compared to normal small intestine (calibrator). These RNA samples are commercially available pools, originated by pooling samples of a particular tissue from different individuals.

Table 15:

15 20 25	Tissue Adrenal Gland Bladder Brain Cervix Colon Endometrium Esophagus Heart Kidney Liver Lung Mammary Gland Muscle Ovary Pancreas Prostate	NORMAL 0.56 0.03 2.57 0.42 0.33 5.12 0.06 0.08 1.2 1.38 5.54 3.96 0.44 1.29 7.94
30 35	Prostate Rectum Small Intestine Spleen Stomach Testis Thymus Trachea Uterus 0=negative	5.21 1.36 1 36.89 2.8 10.16 179.15 3.08 1.04

The relative levels of expression in Table 15 show that mRNA expression of the LSG of SEQ ID NO:3 is very high in thymus (179.15) compared with all the other normal tissues analyzed. The expression level of the LSG of SEQ ID NO:3 is moderate in normal lung. Small intestine, the

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calibrator, has a relative expression level of 1. These results demonstrated that mRNA expression of the LSG of SEQ ID NO:3 is relatively specific for lung.

The absolute numbers in Table 15 were obtained

5 analyzing pools of samples of a particular tissue from
different individuals. They can not be compared to the
absolute numbers originated from RNA obtained from tissue
samples of a single individual in Table 16.

Table 16 shows absolute numbers which are relative

10 levels of expression of the LSG of SEQ ID NO:3 in 79 pairs
of matching samples and 2 normal blood samples. All the
values are compared to normal small intestine (calibrator).
A matching pair is formed by mRNA from the cancer sample
for a particular tissue and mRNA from the normal adjacent

15 sample for that same tissue from the same individual.

Table 16:

	Sample ID	Cancer Type	Tissue		NORMAL	CANCER	MATCHING NORMAL ADJACENT
20	Lng60L	Adenocarcinoma	Lung	1		1.32	0.95
	Lng143L	Adenocarcinoma	Lung	2		9.29	0.96
	Lng60XL	Adenocarcinoma	Lung			41.5	13.18
	LngAC82	Adenocarcinoma	Lung			60.97	2.04
	LngAC88	Adenocarcinoma	Lung	5		50.21	31.89
25	LngAC66	Adenocarcinoma	Lung	6		1.42	0.72
	LngAC69	Adenocarcinoma	Lung			2.3	0.73
	LngAC11	Adenocarcinoma	Lung			2.41	1.95
	LngAC32	Adenocarcinoma	Lung			3.9	0.69
	LngAC94	Adenocarcinoma	Lung	10		2.65	0.77
30	LngAC90	Adenocarcinoma	Lung	11		16.85	0.57
	Lng223L	Adenocarcinoma	Lung	12		1.48	0.06
	LngAC39	Adenocarcinoma	Lung	13		139.1	1.52
	LngBR26	Bronchio-alveolar carcinoma	Lung	14		41.79	8.57
35	LngBA641	Bronchio-alveolar carcinoma	Lung	15		37.14	16
	LngSQ45	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung	16		4.92	4.01
40	LngSQ14	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung	17		7.06	15.19
	LngSQ9X	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung	18	•	38.32	1.78
	LngSQ56	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung	19		55.72	33.01
45	LngSQ80	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung	20		34.42	4.3
	LngSQ32	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung	21		69.55	21.86
50	LngSQ16	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung	22		1.7	0.22

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	LngSQ79	Sminnous sell			•	
		Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 23		4.71	3.04
	Lng47XQ	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 24		35.26	1.42
	5 LngBR94	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 25		138.62	0.19
	LngC20X	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 26		3.05	0.18
1(LngSQ44	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 27		7.06	3.97
	Lng90X	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 28		1.49	0.66
	LngSQ43	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 29		97.01	1.71
15	LngLC71	Large cell carcinoma	Lung 30		27.86	16.22
	LngLC109	Large cell	Lung 31		102.89	20.25
20	LngLC80	carcinoma Large cell	Lung 32		34.66	10.13
20	Lng77L	carcinoma Large cell	Lung 33		1.03	
	Lng315L	carcinoma Lung carcinoma			1.05	9.22
	Lng528L	Lung carcinoma	Lung 34 Lung 35		36.25	50.39
2.5	Lng75XC	Metastatic from	Lung 36		21.48	6.54
	LngMT67	Osteogenic Sarcoma Metastatic from	Lung 37		3.53	4.55
		renal cell cancer	build 37		8.2	3.97
30	LngMT71	Metastatic from melanoma	Lung 38		13.93	19.23
	Bld46XK		Bladder 1		0	0
	BldTR14 B5		Bladder 2		1.57	0 0.78
	в6		Blood 1	154.34	,	0.76
35	CvxKS52		Blood 2	177.91		
	CvxKS83		Cervix 1		11.96	2.27
	ClnAS43		Cervix 2 Colon 1		92.09	8.66
	ClnAS45		Colon 2		4.03	0.29
4.0	ClnAS46		Colon 3		0.28 0.38	0.17
40	Cln AS67		Colon 4		0.62	0.59 1.78
	Cln AS89 Endo28XA		Colon 5		0.09	0.05
	Endo28XA Endo10479		Endometrium 1		15.51	4.77
	Endo68X		Endometrium 2		24	7.14
45	Kid10XD		Endometrium 3		13.13	14.42
	Kid109XD		Kidney 1 Kidney 2		3.07	2.07
	Liv15XA		Liver 1		8.22	7.24
	Liv174L		Liver 2		0.17	0.09
	Mam355		Mammary 1		0.15	0.32
50	Mam173M		Mammary 2		2.63 6.87	0.15
	Mam220		Mammary 3		0.29	7.67
	Mam976M Ovr180B		Mammary 4		0.19	0.87 0.91
	OvrA084		Ovary 1		25.72	0
55	Pan77X		Ovary 2		2.7	1.97
	Pan92X	•	Pancreas 1		8.11	3.25
	Pro101XB		Pancreas 2		27.28	21.78
	Pro109XB		Prostate 1		6.99	4.68
	Pro125XB		Prostate 2 Prostate 3		1.42	1.16
60	Pro13XB		Prostate 4		2.24	1.71
	Skn39A		Skin 1		0.41	1.59
	Skn816S		Skin 2		3.71 25.81	0.35
	SmInt21XA		Sm. Int. 1		4.35	0.34 1.17
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	SmIntH89	Sm. Int. 2	13.93	3.16
	Stol15S	Stomach 1	4.59	5.17
	Sto264S	Stomach 2	6.39	4.16
	Sto288S	Stomach 3	5.01	0.46
5	Thr270T	Thyroid 1	6.39	4.58
	Thr939T	Thyroid 2	0.86	1.55
	Tst647T	Testis 1	2.49	0.43
	Tst663T	Testis 2	9.16	3.89
	Utr135XO	Uterus 1	0.34	0.43
10	Utr141XO	Uterus 2	2.51	0.63

In the analysis of matching samples, the higher levels of expression were in lung showing a high degree of tissue specificity for lung tissue. These results confirm the tissue specificity results obtained with normal pooled samples (Table 15).

Furthermore, the levels of mRNA expression in cancer samples and the isogenic normal adjacent tissue from the same individual were compared. This comparison provides an indication of specificity for the cancer stage (e.g. higher levels of mRNA expression in the cancer sample compared to the normal adjacent). Table 16 shows overexpression of the LSG of SEQ ID NO:3 in 26 lung cancer tissues compared with their respective normal adjacent (lung samples #2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, and 32). There is overexpression in the cancer tissue for 68% of the lung matching samples

Altogether, the relative high level of lung tissue specificity, plus the mRNA overexpression in 68% of the lung carcinoma matching samples tested are believed to make the LSG of SEQ ID NO:3 a good diagnostic marker for lung cancer.

Primers used for expression analysis are: Forward

35 5' AGCCATTGCCATCCCAGT 3' (SEQ ID NO:31)

Reverse
5' ATGTTCTTCACGCTCTTCGC 3' (SEQ ID NO:32)
Probe

tested (total of 38 lung matching samples).

5' AGGAAGTGCTGGAAGAGGCTGGCT 3' (SEQ ID NO:33)

Example 2 - SEQ ID NO: 15

Table 17 shows absolute numbers which are relative levels of expression of the LSG of SEQ ID NO:15 in 24
5 normal different tissues. All the values are compared to normal brain (calibrator). These RNA samples are commercially available pools, originated by pooling samples of a particular tissue from different individuals.

Table 17:

10	Tissue	
-0		NORMAL
	Adrenal Gland	67.65
	Bladder	39.67
	Brain	1.00
7.5	Cervix	677.93
15	Colon	1287.18
	Endometrium	162.58
	Esophagus	1034.70
	Heart	4.81
	Kidney	25.02
20	Liver	194.01
	Lung	4705.07
	Mammary Gland	840.44
	Muscle	12.91
	Ovary	608.87
25	Pancreas	20.89
	Prostate	858.10
	Rectum	4435.87
	Small Intestine	2149.82
	Spleen	5595.30
30	Stomach	14115.57
	Testis	64.67
	Thymus	2187.40
	Trachea	2866.35
	Uterus	193.34
35	0=negative	

The relative levels of expression in Table 17 show that mRNA expression of the LSG of SEQ ID NO:15 is very high in stomach (14115.57) compared with all the other normal tissues analyzed. Expression levels of this LSG are moderate in normal lung (4705.07) Brain, the calibrator, has a relative expression level of 1. These results

demonstrate that mRNA expression of the LSG of SEQ ID NO:15 is relatively specific for lung.

The absolute numbers in Table 17 were obtained analyzing pools of samples of a particular tissue from different individuals. They can not be compared to the absolute numbers originated from RNA obtained from tissue samples of a single individual in Table 18.

Table 18:

	Table 10	•				MATCHING
10	Sample ID	Cancer Type	Tissue	NORMAL	CANCER	MATCHING NORMAL ADJACENT
15	Lng60L Lng143L LngAC66 LngAC69 LngAC11 LngAC32 LngAC94	Adenocarcinoma Adenocarcinoma Adenocarcinoma Adenocarcinoma Adenocarcinoma Adenocarcinoma Adenocarcinoma	Lung 1 Lung 2 Lung 3 Lung 4 Lung 5 Lung 6 Lung 7		18561.17 28.54 16555.24 18116.29 4389.98 18179.19 10623.71 8393.17	5732.70 1.57 3408.69 1891.09 5732.70 10015.87 309.76 491.14
20	Lng223L LngBR26	Adenocarcinoma Bronchio-alveolar	Lung 8 Lung 9		13.98	20.68
	LngBA641	carcinoma Bronchio-alveolar carcinoma	Lung 10		34.78	10.13
0.5	LngSQ45	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 11		9184.59	8995.58
25	LngSQ14	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 12		2.82	32.11
	LngSQ80	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 13		68.12	4.07
30	LngSQ16	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 14		3373.43	86.22 81245.48
	LngSQ79	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 15		19215.37	1.14
35	Lng90X	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 16		5.19	2.12
55	LngSQ43	Squamous cell carcinoma	Lung 17		24.17	25.37
	LngLC71	Large cell carcinoma	Lung 18		67.42	3.96
40	LngLC109	Large cell carcinoma	Lung 19		12.38	9.45
	LngMT71	Metastatic from melanoma	Lung 20		13.00	5.90
45	Bld46XK BldTR14 CvxKS52 ClnAS43		Bladder 1 Bladder 2 Cervix 1 Colon 1		131.60 8306.36 24.85 1590.21 1458.23	7009.03 8.91 8335.19 1820.35
50	ClnAS45 ClnAS46 ClnAS67 ClnAS89 Endo28XA Kid10XD		Colon 2 Colon 3 Colon 4 Colon 5 Endometriu Kidney 1	ım 1	2418.67 365.82 2304.12 10.70 0.38	3019.30 823.14 75.32 0.49 0.21
55	Liv15XA		Liver 1 Mammary 1 Pancreas 1	-	19.16 16.56 0.15	115.76 0.18 0.07

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In the analysis of matching samples, the level of mRNA

10 expression in cancer samples and the isogenic normal
adjacent tissue from the same individual were compared.
This comparison provides an indication of specificity for
the cancer stage (e.g. higher levels of mRNA expression in
the cancer sample compared to the normal adjacent). Table

15 18 shows overexpression of the LSG of SEQ ID NO:15 in 14
lung cancer tissues compared with their respective normal
adjacent (lung samples #1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14,
16,17,18, and 19). There is overexpression in the cancer
tissue for 70% of the lung matching samples tested (total

20 of 20 lung matching samples).

Altogether, the relative high level of lung tissue specificity, plus the mRNA overexpression in 70% of the lung carcinoma matching samples tested are believed to make the LSG of SEQ DI NO:15 a good diagnostic marker for lung cancer.

Primers used for expression analysis in this example are as follows:

Forward

- 5' AAGGGAGCACCGTGGAGAA 3' (SEQ ID NO:34)
- 30 Reverse
 - 5' AGGGCTGGATGACTTGGGA 3' (SEQ ID NO:35) Probe
 - 5' TTCCCAACTCTAACCCCACCCACG 3' (SEQ ID NO:36)

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What is claimed is:

- A LSG comprising:
- (a) a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 5 22, 37 or 38 or a variant thereof;

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- (b) a polypeptide expressed by a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO:1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38 or a variant thereof; or
- (c) a polynucleotide which is capable of hybridizing 10 under stringent conditions to the antisense sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 37 or 38.
- The LSG of claim 1 wherein the polypeptide 15 comprises SEQ ID NO: 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, or 56.
 - A method for diagnosing the presence of lung cancer in a patient comprising:
- (a) determining levels of a LSG of claim 1 in cells, 20 tissues or bodily fluids in a patient; and
- (b) comparing the determined levels of LSG with levels of LSG in cells, tissues or bodily fluids from a normal human control, wherein a change in determined levels of LSG in said patient versus normal human control is 25 associated with the presence of lung cancer.
 - A method of diagnosing metastases of lung cancer in a patient comprising:
 - (a) identifying a patient having lung cancer that is not known to have metastasized;
- (b) determining levels of a LSG of claim 1 in a 30 sample of cells, tissues, or bodily fluid from said patient; and

- (c) comparing the determined LSG levels with levels of LSG in cells, tissue, or bodily fluid of a normal human control, wherein an increase in determined LSG levels in the patient versus the normal human control is associated with a cancer which has metastasized.
 - 5. A method of staging lung cancer in a patient having lung cancer comprising:
 - (a) identifying a patient having lung cancer;
- (b) determining levels of a LSG of claim 1 in a 10 sample of cells, tissue, or bodily fluid from said patient; and
- (c) comparing determined LSG levels with levels of LSG in cells, tissues, or bodily fluid of a normal human control, wherein an increase in determined LSG levels in said patient versus the normal human control is associated with a cancer which is progressing and a decrease in the determined LSG levels is associated with a cancer which is regressing or in remission.
- 6. A method of monitoring lung cancer in a patient 20 for the onset of metastasis comprising:
 - (a) identifying a patient having lung cancer that is not known to have metastasized;
- (b) periodically determining levels of a LSG of claim1 in samples of cells, tissues, or bodily fluid from said25 patient; and
 - (c) comparing the periodically determined LSG levels with levels of LSG in cells, tissues, or bodily fluid of a normal human control, wherein an increase in any one of the periodically determined LSG levels in the patient versus
- 30 the normal human control is associated with a cancer which has metastasized.

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A method of monitoring a change in stage of lung cancer in a patient comprising:

- (a) identifying a patient having lung cancer;
- (b) periodically determining levels of a LSG of claim 5 1 in cells, tissues, or bodily fluid from said patient; and
- (c) comparing the periodically determined LSG levels with levels of LSG in cells, tissues, or bodily fluid of a normal human control, wherein an increase in any one of the periodically determined LSG levels in the patient versus 10 the normal human control is associated with a cancer which is progressing in stage and a decrease is associated with a
- A method of identifying potential therapeutic agents for use in imaging and treating lung cancer 15 comprising screening compounds for an ability to bind to or decrease expression of a LSG of claim 1 relative to the LSG in the absence of the compound wherein the ability of the compound to bind to the LSG or decrease expression of the LSG is indicative of the compound being useful in imaging 20 and treating lung cancer.

cancer which is regressing in stage or in remission.

- An antibody which specifically binds a 9. polypeptide encoded by a LSG of claim 1.
- The antibody of claim 9 wherein the polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO:39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 25 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55 or 56.
 - 11. A method of imaging lung cancer in a patient comprising administering to the patient an antibody of claim 9.
- The method of claim 11 wherein said antibody is 12. 30 labeled with paramagnetic ions or a radioisotope.

- 13. A method of treating lung cancer in a patient comprising administering to the patient a compound which downregulates expression or activity of a LSG of claim 1.
- 14. A method of inducing an immune response against 5 a target cell expressing a LSG of claim 1 comprising delivering to a human patient an immunogenically stimulatory amount of a LSG polypeptide so that an immune response is mounted against the target cell.
- 15. The method of claim 14 wherein the LSG
 10 polypeptide comprises SEQ ID NO:39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45,
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 - 16. A vaccine for treating lung cancer comprising a LSG of claim 1.

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- Asn Phe Asp Ile Pro Thr His Ser Lys Asp Tyr Ile His Arg Val Gly 340 345 350
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